# **EXHIBIT 1**



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Case No: FD13D05340

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FAMILY DIVISION

Royal Courts of Justice Strand, London, WC2A 2LL

Date: 15/12/2016

Before:

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Between:

TATIANA AKHMEDOVA
- and -

YARKHAD AKHMEDOV WOODBLADE LTD COTOR INVESTMENT SA Applicant

Respondent 2nd Respondent

3rd Respondent

Mr Nigel Dyer QC, Mr Dakis Hagen and Mr Henry Clayton of Counsel (instructed by Payne Hicks Beach) for the Applicant
The Respondents were not present or represented

Hearing dates: 29 and 30 November 2016, 2, 5, and 15 December 2016

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I direct that pursuant to CPR PD 39A para 6.1 no official shorthand note shall be taken of this Judgment and that copies of this version as handed down may be treated as authentic.

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Mr Justice Haddon-Cave:

## INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Applicant, Mrs Tatiana Akhmedova ("W"), applies for financial orders ancillary to her divorce from the Respondent, Mr Farkhad Akhmedov ("H").
- 2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent ("Woodblade") is a Cypriot registered company and the trustee of a Bormudian trust, the Akhmedov 2013 Discretionary Trust ("the Trust"). H is the sole director of Woodblade. The 3<sup>nd</sup> Respondent, Cotor investment SA, ("Cotor") is a Panamanian company which H contends is within the Trust. Cotor is said to hold the bulk of the wealth in this case. Woodblade and Cotor were joined to these proceedings by order of Mr Justice Moor on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- 3. W's divorce petition was issued on 24th October 2013. H initially sought a stay of W's divorce proceedings on forum non conveniens grounds, in favour of a divorce petition that he had issued in Moscow in February 2014. Subsequently, H withdrew his application for a stay and by letter from his solicitors, Sears Tooth, dated 18th June 2015, submitted to the jurisdiction. W's petition has since proceeded as an uncontested suit. A Decree Nisi was granted on 2nd December 2015.

#### Respondents' non-appearance at the trial

- 4. A trial of this matter commenced before me in the Queen's Building at the Royal Courts of Justice on 28th November 2016. None of the Respondents appeared or were represented at any stage during the trial. In particular, H failed to appear at the trial in person in breach of orders made by the Court on 27th November 2015, 11th April 2015 and 25th October 2016 (and a promise by Leading Counsel at the Pre-Trial Review hearing on the latter date).
- 5. On 15th November 2016, H's long-standing matrimonial solicitors, Sears Tooth, wrote to W's solicitors, Payne Hicks Beach ("PHB"), informing them that they had come off the record. On 21st November 2016, PHB, wrote to Sears Tooth inquiring whether H intended to play any part in the trial but received no reply. H has never, in fact, appeared in person at any hearing during these matrimonial proceedings. H was ordered to attend the Financial Dispute Resolution hearing on 11th April 2015, but shortly before the hearing, informed the Court that he had lost his passport containing his English visa. He attended by video-link from his yacht, MIX Luna, from the Caribbean.
- Woodblade and Cotor have played no part in the trial and have at no stage acknowledged or responded to the proceeding or the case made against them by W.
- 7. I am satisfied that service of these proceedings and notice of the trial was properly effected on H, Woodblade and Color (see further below).

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#### Breach of orders

- 8. H is presently in breach of numerous Court orders. In particular, H has failed to comply with the following Orders of the Court:
  - (1) Holman J's Orders made on 18th May 2016 ordering H: (i) to provide documents and reports in his possession concerning the historic value of Northgas, and any written offers to buy the business; (ii) to allow the jointly instructed valuer, Savills, access to the properties in Russia; (iii) to provide his open settlement offer; (iv) to comply with the orders compelling his personal attendance for the duration of the trial.
  - (2) Moor J's Order made at the Pre-Trial Review ("PTR") on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016: (i) to provide a written reply to W's trust Case (paragraph 8); (ii) to provide up-dating disclosure (paragraph 10); (iii) to pay the cost of the chattels valuation (paragraph 13); (iv) to pay the costs order (paragraph 21); and (v) to comply with previous orders compelling his (and W's) personal attendance for the duration of the trial (paragraph 18).

#### W's representation

W has been represented throughout the trial by Mr Dyer QC, Mr Hagen and Mr Clayton
of Counsel, for whose assistance I am grateful. Counsel are instructed by W's
solicitors, The Baroness Shackleton and Mr Ian Connell of PHB.

## BACKGROUND

- 10. H was born on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1955 in Azerbaijan, which was then part of the Soviet Union (and is now aged 61). W was born on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1972 in Hungary and grew up in Russia (and is now aged 44).
- 11. W and H met in 1989 when she studying in Moscow. W was aged 17 at the time and H was aged 34. H had been married twice before. H and W married on 29th July 1993 in Moscow when W was pregnant with her elder son, Temur.
- 12. In 1993, H and W moved to London. They lived in Hampstead at 3 Elm Walk, which H had purchased. Temur was born in London in September 1993. In 1994, H bought a holiday property in Franco, Villa le Cottage at St Jean Cap Forrat. In June 1996, their younger son, Edgar, was born in Monaco. In September 1996, H purchased Somerton House at St George's Hill in Surrey and the family moved there.
- 13. It worked in London as an oil and gas trader and began to travel a great deal. It became very successful in pursuing business interests in the gas sector in Russia through a Russian company called ZAO Northgas ("Northgas"). In November 2012, It sold his shares in Northgas for US\$1.375 billion.
- 14. W has been a housewife and mother throughout the marriage. W was a 'hands-on' mother who cared for and brought up the boys herself in Surrey, without the assistance of a name. W also helped to care for H's child from his first marriage, Anna, who came over to live and go to school in England. The boys were educated in various

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private day schools in Surrey. Their secondary education was at Cranleigh School, where they were day-boys. They went to university in London. Temur (now aged 23) and Edgar (now aged 20) are both British citizens. The boys have visited Russia but have never lived there. In 2013, H bought Temur and Edgar flats in London at the One Hyde Park development costing £29 million and £7.2 million respectively.

- 15. W still lives in the former matrimonial home, Somerton House. It was transferred by H into her sole name in 2013. She was granted Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK in 1994 and became a British citizen on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2000. H also has Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK.
- 16. I set out my detailed findings of fact below.

W's case

17. W contends that the total net marital wealth in this case is just over £1 billion, i.e. £1,092,334,626 to be precise (see the attached Schedule of Assets). W contends that the entire wealth in this case is matrimonial in character, that is to say that this wealth was acquired and built up during the long marriage by the parties' equal contributions to the welfare of the family, and which should be subject to the sharing principle (see further below).

#### Respondent's case

- 18. The non-appearance of H and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Respondent at the trial has meant that the Court has not had the benefit of hearing any evidence or submissions from them. The reason for H's sudden decision, two weeks before the trial, no longer to contest the proceedings is unclear. It may be that, following Moor J's order on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 joining Woodblade and Cotor and requiring disclosure, H felt that he had no real answer to W's claim.
- 19. The Court has studied the documents and witness statements previously lodged by H. The Court has also had the assistance of Mr Dyer QC, Mr Hagen and Mr Clayton in identifying points which H, Woodblade and Cotor might have made if they had appeared at the trial. There would appear to be five principal contentions which might be made, in particular by H, in defence of W's claim. First, that H was wealthy before the parties married in 1993. Second, that H made a special contribution to the creation of the wealth through his work with Northgas. Third, that the marriage broke down in 1999 or 2004, i.e. well before he sold the Northgas shares. Fourth, that the value of the assets at that time was far below that asserted by W and, in particular, the Northgas shares were unsalcable or worthless. Fifth, that, in any event, the majority of assets were held in trusts of which H is a mere discretionary beneficiary.

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## ISSUES

20. The issues in the case and the structure of this judgment can be summarised as follows:

#### THE LAW

## DEPARTURE POINTS:

- (1) Was there pre-marital wealth?
- (2) When did the parties separate?
- (3) Did II make a special or stellar contribution?

### **COMPUTATION OF THE MARITAL ASSETS:**

- (4) What is the value of the available assets?
- (5) What are the trust issues? . .

## DISTRIBUTION:

(6) What is a fair division of the marital assets?

## ANCILLARY MATTERS:

- (7) Service
- (8) Lugano Convention

#### CONCLUSION AND ORDER

## THE LAW

- I direct myself in relation to the relevant law as regards financial remedy claims which I summarise below.
- 22. The power to make ancillary financial orders in a divorce is statutory and is contained in sections 23-25 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 ("MCA 1973"). For convenience, I set out the key provisions:
  - "23. Financial provision orders in connection with divorce proceedings, etc.
  - (1) On granting a decree of divorce, a decree of nullity of marriage or a decree of judicial separation or at any time thereafter (whether, in the case of a decree of divorce or of nullity of marriage, before or after the decree is made absolute), the court may make any one or more of the following orders, that is to say—
  - (a) an order that either party to the marriage shall make to the other such periodical payments, for such term, as may be specified in the order;
  - (b) an order that either party to the marriage shall secure to the other to the satisfaction of the court such periodical payments, for such term, as may be so specified;
  - (c) an order that either purty to the marriage shall pay to the other such lump sum or sums as may be so specified;

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- (d) an order that a party to the marriage shall make to such person as may be specified in the order for the benefit of a child of the family, or to such a child, such periodical payments, for such term, as may be so specified;
- (e) an order that a party to the marriage shall secure to such person as may be so specified for the benefit of such a child, or to such a child, to the satisfaction of the court, such periodical payments, for such term, as may be so specified;
- (f) an order that a party to the marriage shall pay to such person as may be so specified for the benefit of such a child, or to such a child, such lump sum as may be so specified;
- subject, however, in the case of an order under paragraph (d), (e) or (f) above, to the restrictions imposed by section 29(1) and (3) below on the making of financial provision orders in favour of children who have attained the age of eighteen."
- "24. Property adjustment orders in connection with divorce proceedings, etc.
- (1) On granting a decree of divorce, a decree of nullity of marriage or a decree of judicial separation or at any time thereafter (whether, in the case of a decree of divorce or of nullity of marriage, before or after the decree is made absolute), the court may make any one or more of the following orders, that is to say—
- (a) an order that a party to the marriage shall transfer to the other party, to any child of the family or to such person as may be specified in the order for the benefit of such a child such property as may be so specified, being property to which the first-mentioned party is entitled, either in possession or reversion;
- (b) an order that a settlement of such property as may be so specified, being property to which a party to the marriage is so entitled, be made to the satisfaction of the court for the benefit of the other party to the marriage and of the children of the family or either or any of them;
- (c) an order varying for the benefit of the parties to the marriage and of the children of the family or either or any of them any ante-nuptial or post-nuptial settlement (including such a settlement made by will or codicil) made on the parties to the marriage ,other than one in the form of a pension arrangement (within the meaning of section 25D below);
- (d) an order extinguishing or reducing the interest of either of the parties to the marriage under any such settlement, other than one in the form of a pension arrangement (within the meaning of section 25D below);
- subject, however, in the case of an order under paragraph (a) above, to the restrictions imposed by section 29(I) and (3) below on the making of orders for a transfer of property in favour of children who have attained the age of eighteen.

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- (2) The court may make an order under subsection (1)(c) above notwithstanding that there are no children of the family.
- (3) Without prejudice to the power to give a direction under section 30 below for the settlement of an instrument by conveyancing counsel, where an order is made under this section on or after granting a decree of divorce or nullity of marriage, neither the order nor any settlement made in pursuance of the order shall take effect unless the decree has been made absolute."
- "25. Matters to which court is to have regard in deciding how to exercise its powers under ss, 23, 24 and 24A.
- (1) It shall be the duty of the court in deciding whether to exercise its powers under section 23, 24, 24A or 24B above and, if so, in what manner, to have regard to all the circumstances of the case, first consideration being given to the welfare while a minor of any child of the family who has not attained the age of eighteen.
- (2) As regards the exercise of the powers of the court under section 23(1)(a), (b) or (c), 24, 24A or 24Babove in relation to a party to the marriage, the court shall in particular have regard to the following matters—
- (a) the income, earning capacity, property and other financial resources which each of the parties to the marriage has or is likely to have in the foreseeable future, including in the case of earning capacity any increase in that capacity which it would in the opinion of the court be reasonable to expect a party to the marriage to take steps to acquire;
- (b) the financial needs, obligations and responsibilities which each of the parties to the marriage has or is likely to have in the foreseeable future;
- (c) the standard of living enjoyed by the family before the hreakdown of the marriage;
- (d) the age of each party to the marriage and the duration of the marriage;
- (e) any physical or mental disability of either of the parties to the marriage;
- (f) the contributions which each of the parties has made or is likely in the foreseeable future to make to the welfare of the family, including any contribution by looking after the home or caring for the family;
- (g) the conduct of each of the parties, if that conduct is such that it would in the opinion of the court be inequitable to disregard it;
- (h) in the case of proceedings for divorce or nullty of marriage, the value to each of the parties to the marriage of any benefit... which, by reason of the dissolution or annulment of the marriage, that party will lose the chance of acquiring."
- 23. In exercising its wide discretionary powers, the Court must have regard to all the circumstances of the case as well as certain particular matters. In addition to giving

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first consideration to any minor child of the family who has not attained the age of 18, the Court must have regard in particular to: (i) the parties' resources, (ii) the parties' needs, (iii) standard of living enjoyed by the family before the breakdown of the marriage, (iv) the age of each party and duration of the marriage, (v) disabilities, (vi) contributions which each of the parties has made or is likely in the foreseeable future to make to the welfare of the family, including any contribution by looking after the home or caring for the family, (vii) conduct of each of the parties, if that conduct is such that it would in the opinion of the court be inequitable to disregard it, and (viii) benefits lost by reason of dissolution of the marriage, e.g. pension rights, death-in-service, insurance cover.

24. In practice, there are two stages to the analysis: (a) Computation, i.e. assessing the available resources (by reference to a Schedule of Assets); and (b) Distribution, i.e. determining each party's share, and the form the orders will take (e.g. lump sum and/or properly transfer).

## Computation - General principles

- 25. A computation of a party's resources includes not only assets beneficially owned by the party, but assets which he or she is likely to receive from a third party (e.g. a trustee) if he or she asked for them. Thus, the legal question is: if a discretionary beneficiary were to request the trustee to advance the whole or part of the capital to him, would the trustee would be likely to do so now or in the foreseeable future? (known as "the Charman test") (see Charman v Charman [2006] 1 WLR 1053 at [12]).
- 26. The question is not one of control of resources: it is one of access to them. As Lewison J explained in <u>Whaley v Whaley</u> [2011] EWCA Civ 617 at [113]:

"...[A] discretionary beneficiary has no proprietary interest in the fund, But under s 25 of the 1973 Act the court looks at resources; not just at ownership. Thus whether a beneficiary under a discretionary trust has a proprietary interest is not relevant. The resource must be one that is 'likely' to be available. This is the origin of the likelihood test. No judge can make a positive finding about the future; the best that can be done is to assess the likelihood. What is relevant is the likelihood of the trust funds or part of it being made available to him, either by income or capital distributions. If the husband were to ask the trustees to advance him capital, would the trustees be likely to do so: Charman v Charman [2005] EWCA Civ 1606, [2006] 2 FLR 422; A v A [2007] EWHC 99 (Fam), [2007] 2 FLR 467? The question is not one of control of resources: it is one of access to them."

#### Distribution - General principles

27. The general principles applicable to distribution can be summarised as follows (in the light of *White v. White* [2000] 2 FLR 981, *Miller v. Miller, Mcfarlane v. Mcfarlane* [2000] 1 FLR and *Charman v Charman (No. 4)* [2007] 2 FLR 1246):

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- (1) In deciding how the assets should be distributed, the court's overall objective is "fatrness" (per Lord Nicholls in White at [983]).
- (2) The concept of "fairness" is not to be applied in an overly subjective way, but must be checked against 'the yardstick of equality': "As a general guide, equality should be departed from only if, and to the extent that, there is good reason for doing so" (per Lord Nicholls in White at [989]; and see In Charman (No 4) at 1651).
- (3) There is no place for discrimination between husband and wife and their respective roles: "If, in their different spheres, each contributed equally to the family, then in principle it matters not which of them earned the money and built up the assets" (per Lord Nicholls in White at [989]).
- (4) The rationale for the equal sharing is not largesse but logic: "Each party to a marriage is entitled to a fair share of the available property" (per Lord Nicholls in <u>Miller</u>; <u>McFarlane</u> at [9]).
- (5) In conducting its enquiry into the parties' assets, the Court will consider whether the assets represent matrimonial property, or non-matrimonial property (i.e. the product of the parties' common endeavour during the marriage or from sources external to the marriage).
- (6) The principle of sharing applies to all the parties' property, but, to the extent that their property is non-matrimonial, "there is likely to be better reason for departure from the principle of equality" (see In Charman (No 4) at [66]).
- (7) The circumstances in which the Court may depart from the principle of equal 50:50 sharing may include the following (known as 'departure points'): (a) where assets pre-date the parties' marriage (i.e. there is non-matrimonial property); (b) the receipt of inherited property, or gifts from sources external to the matriage (i.e. non-matrimonial property), in both cases which are not 'mixed and mingled' with matrimonial property; (c) special or 'stellar' contributions during the marriage; (d) post-separation accural of assets; and (e) post-separation contribution which is unmatched by the other spouse.
- (8) The date to which the marital acquest (i.e. the property built up during the marriage) is measured is usually the date of separation, although there will be circumstances in which post-separation accrual will be treated as matrimonial property (e.g. passive growth on a matrimonial asset) (per Lord Mance in Miller; McFarlane at [174]).
- 28. The threshold for relevant "conduct" in s.25(2)(g) is very high (see Lord Nicolis and Lady Hale in <u>Miller</u> at [59]-[65]). Adultery is immaterial to the amount of financial provision that is ordered and does not comprise "conduct which it would be inequitable to disregard" within the meaning of s.25(2)(g). As Coleridge J warned in <u>G v. G</u> (Financial Provision: equal division) [2002] 2 FLR 1143:

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- "... [T]he parties are not assisted to achieve compromise when they are encouraged by the law to indulge in a detailed and lengthy retrospective involving a general rummage through the attic of their marriage to discover relics from the past to enhance their role or diminish their spouse's."
- 29. There can be difficulties with identifying how much of an asset is matrimonial and non-matrimonial. Passive growth does not change the character of the property, but growth as a result of activity during the marriage may do so. Issues may arise as to whether post-separation accural could be described as 'a continuum' or 'new ventures' (per Roberts J in <u>Cooper-Hohn v. Cooper Hohn</u> [2015] 1 FLR 745; and see <u>JL v SL</u> at [42]) (And see further below).

Special or 'stellar' contribution

- 30. Special or 'stellar' contribution is a very narrow concept (and may not survive the appeal in <u>Gray v Work</u> [2015] EWHC 834 due to be heard in February 2017). In <u>Gray v Work</u>, Holman J usefully distilled the following principles from <u>Miller</u> and <u>Charman</u>:
  - "(i) The characteristics or circumstances which would result in a departure from equality have to be of a wholly exceptional nature such that it would very obviously be inconsistent with the objective of achieving fairness for them to be ignored: per Bodey J in Lambert but quoted with abvious approbation by Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead in Miller at paragraph 68.
  - (ii) Exceptional earnings are to be regarded as a factor pointing away from equality of division when, but only when, it would be inequitable to proceed otherwise (Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead in Miller at paragraph 68).
  - (lii) Only if there is such a disparity in their respective contributions to the welfare of the family that it would be inequitable to disregard it should this be taken into account in determining their shares (Baroness Hale of Richmond, in Miller at paragraph 146).
  - (iv) It is extremely important to avoid discrimination against the home-maker (the Court of Appeal in Charman at paragraphs 79 and 80).
  - (v) A special contribution requires a contribution by one unmatched by the other (the Court of Appeal in Charman at paragraph 79).
  - (vi) The amount of the wealth alone may be so extraordinary as to make it easy for the party who generated it to claim an exceptional and individual quality which deserves special treatment. Often, however, he or she will need independently to establish such a quality, whether by genius in business or some other field (the Court of Appeal in Charman at paragraph 80). A windfall is not enough.
  - (vii) There is no identified threshold for such a claim to succeed (the Court of Appeal in Charman at paragraph 88)."
- 31. Sir Mark Potter P observed in <u>Charman No.4</u> at [90]) that fair allowance for special contribution within the sharing principle would be "most unlikely to give rise to

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percentages of division of matrimonial property further from equality than 66.6%-33,3%".

32. There have been only three reported cases in which a party has succeeded in arguing special contribution: <u>Sorrell v. Sorrell [2005] EWHC 1717, Charman v. Charman [2005] EWCA Civ 1606</u> (where it was conceded), and <u>Cooper-Hohn v. Cooper Hohn [2015] 1 FLR 745. In <u>Cooper-Hohn</u>, the wife received an award of US\$530 million from the available assets of just under US\$1.5 billion. The husband had generated \$6 billion through his business during the marriage (of which \$4,50n had be placed in a charitable trust). The post separation accrual was \$550 million (see [300]). That sum represented approximately 36% of the global resources and converted to a sterling sum of c. £330 million. The departure from equality in the husband's favour was justified by the compounding factors of the post-separation accrual of assets and his special or 'stellar'contribution.</u>

#### Needs

33. "Needs" is a flexible concept. As Lord Nicholls said in White at [993]:

"In assessing financial needs, a court will have regard to a person's age, health and accustomed standard of living. The court may also have regard to the available pool of resources".

 In appropriate cases, "needs" should be 'generously interpreted' (per Baroness Halo in <u>Miller; McFarlane</u> at [144]).

#### Inferences

- The Court may draw appropriate inferences from silence. As Lord Sumption observed in Prest v. Petrodel Resources Ltd [2013] 2 FLR 732 at [45]:
  - "...[I]udges exercising family jurisdiction are entitled to draw on their experience and to take notice of the inherent probabilities when deciding what an uncommunicative husband is likely to be concealing."

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## DEPARTURE POINTS:

- (1) WAS THERE PRE-MARITAL WEALTH?
- 36. H asserts he was wealthy before his marriage to W in 1993. H's bare assertion has, however, not been supported either by any schedule of the value of his pre-marital assets or any documentary or independent evidence. The only figure H has provided is that in 1993 he paid £700,000 for the first matrimonial home in Hampstead. However, even if this is correct (and assuming no mortgage), the matrimonial home occupies a unique position and would be subsumed into this long marriage (c.f. Lord Nicholls in Miller v. Miller at [24]).

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37. It is axiomatic that if a party is going to assert pre-marital assets, it is incumbent on them to prove the same by clear documentary evidence (per Mostyn J in N v F [2011] 2 FLR 533 at [24]). He has failed to do this and, accordingly, failed to prove any case on pre-marital assets.

#### (2) WHEN DID THE PARTIES SEPARATE?

- 38. W contends the marriage lasted 20 years and only broke down in October 2013 (when she issued her divorce petition), and it was only after a failed attempted reconciliation in summer 2014 that the marriage finally ended in late 2014.
- 39. H, on the other hand, contends that the marriage ended in 1999, or at latest, in 2004. H says in his Form E that any sharing claim by W "should be based on wealth generated at the latest up to 2004 but not thereafter". The significance of this issue is that it goes to whether the vast sum realised from the sale of H's Northgas shares in November 2012 (US\$1.375 million) is to be included in the marital assets.

## 1999/2003 hiatus

- 40. The marriage clearly went through a rocky patch between 1999 and 2003. H states that the marriage broke down in 1999 when he discovered that W was having an affair with a younger man. H was angry and matters were clearly not right between them. W issued a divorce petition in London in 2003. H applied to strike out W's petition on the grounds that the marriage had already been dissolved by a Russian decree granted in the Moscow court on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2000. H produced 'official' Russian court documents to this effect. However, a search by W's lawyers of the official records in the Moscow court revealed that no such divorce proceedings existed. (This was recently confirmed for these proceedings in a Civil Evidence Act notice statement of a Moscow lawyer, Ms Alpatikova Ivanovna, served by W in support of her financial claim. This statement was not challenged by H's leading counsel at the PTR on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The inference to be drawn, therefore, is that the 2000 Moscow divorce documents relied upon by H were, at all material times, forged.)
- 41. Shortly after this unedifying episode, however, there was a reconciliation between H and W. On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006, H's solicitor Mr Kerman, signed a consent application to dismiss W's petition which recorded "the parties having been reconciled". On 8<sup>th</sup> June 2008, Munby J dismissed W's petition by consent. District Judge MacGregor observed when dealing with the recent costs application from the stay proceedings, that H has been unable to give any real explanation for this representation to the court by his solicitor. I agree,
- 42. W admitted the affair but explained in her statement that the extra-marital physical relationship was not at the expense of her emotional commitment to H and their marriage. She said that marriages can survive affairs, and this marriage was one of them. She said H himself had had numerous affairs himself during the marriage (and had a child by another woman in 2013). H does not disavow that he and W had a sexual relationship between 1999 and 2004, but simply denies that they did so thereafter, (He merely stated "Affar 2004 we never had any intimate relations...").

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#### 2004 to 2013

- 43. H's essential argument appears to be that between 1999 (or 2004) and 2013 the parties only came together for the sake of their children. However, H has produced no valid documentary evidence to support his case on de facto separation, nor any witnesses, nor has he chosen to appear before the court to be cross-examined on this point.
- 44. W gave evidence before me and explained the background and history of the marringe. She was a reliable and straightforward witness. I accept her evidence that, following the earlier hiatus, H and W remained married until 2013 in all senses of the word. H travelled a great deal to Russia and elsewhere on business and was non-resident in the UK for tax purposes (the Inland Revenue allowance has latterly been 90 days). However, the family base was always Somerton House and they regularly enjoyed family holidays at Villa le Cottage. They slept in the same bed when they were together, had sex, went on holiday regularly together with the boys, and shared a joint bank account. H continued to support W financially in exactly the same way as before, and to the same degree. They exchanged presents. H continued to be very generous with gifts. In 2013, for example, H purchased jewellery for her worth 6400,000. H paid all the household bills and running costs of Somerton House and Villa le Cottage and paid for all their luxurious holidays. H provided W with the unrestricted use of two of his credit cards, and latterly, the use of his yacht, plane and helicopter.
- 45. W has exhibited to her statements and gave evidence regarding numerous photographs taken since 2004 which show: (i) W and H together with their sons; (ii) W and H together in various social settings enjoying a normal social life (with figures such as Mr Boris Berezovsky); (iii) W and H together in affectionate poses, often on holiday together in the South of France; (iv) W and H together at H's lavish 50th birthday party in September 2005 with W giving a speech for him; (v) evidence that H continued to live at Somerton House where he kept an extensive wardrobe of clothes in his wardrobes in their bedroom, and various cars; (vi) H in shooting kit; and (vii) H and W in an intimate embrace in the Maldives in 2013. This latter photograph, in particular, sells the lie to H's assertion that the parties only came together for the sake of the children.
- 46. In addition, W produced documentary evidence, including e-mails with architects and contractors, showing that she was actively involved in the renovation of Villa le Cottage, and planning their 'dream home' in Baku in Azerbaljan. An elaborate design plan was drawn up for the Baku house in August 2011 entitled "Mr and Mrs Akhmedov Baku Residence Presentation". H accepts that W was involved in the interior design of these properties. It is surprising that H would have wanted W to have been actively involved in this significant building project in his homeland if, as he contends, the marriage had ended some 7 to 12 years earlier. W was also primarily involved in choosing their art collection which includes some Mark Rothko and Yves Klein paintings worth many tens of millions of pounds ("the Modern Art Collection").
- 47. In his dealings with third parties, H referred to W as "my wife" in e.g. H's emails in 2011 and 2012 to the organisers of an art fair, his solicitors, Amex, Sotheby's and

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Knight Frank. H accepts that he discussed the sale of Northgas with W in 2012. Further, on his application form to Surrey Police to renew his shotgun licence in December 2012, H put Somerton House as his home address for the previous 5 years (i.e. 2007 – 2012). This assertion was certified by his English solicitor of long-standing, Mr A.D. Kerman, as being true. Mr A.D. Kerman has, until recently, been advising H in these proceedings.

48. The fact that the parties did not spend every night under the same roof does not mean that there was not a subsisting marriage. Many married couples spend time apart. Being physically apart for much of the year does not mean that a marriage does not exist. The courts does not undertake a prarient assessment of the quality of the marriage in considering financial provision. The reason for this is obvious: there is no yardstick that can be used; there is no legal definition of what constitutes a 'normal' marriage; marriages come in all shapes and sizes; and, the law rightly does not encourage "a general rummage through the attic" of a marriage (per Coleridge J in Gv. G (Financial Provision; equal division) (supra)).

#### The broad picture

- 49. The broad picture is that, during the marriage, W and the children lived in Surrey and H, as an international businessman, travelled frequently for his work, principally to Russia. However, the family base was always Somerton House and H would return there to be with his family within the time permitted by the Revenue for non-resident taxpayers. Family holidays were always spent abroad; in the Maldives, in ski resorts, but principally in "Villa le Cottage", the family holiday home in Cap Ferrat.
- 50. For these reasons, on the evidence before me, I am satisfied and find as a fact that, notwithstanding the temporary hiatus described above, H and W's marriage lasted over 20 years from 1993 to October 2013 when W issued her petition; and the marriage only finally came to an end, after a failed attempt at reconciliation, in late 2014.

#### (3) DID H MAKE A SPECIAL OR 'STELLAR' CONTRIBUTION?

- 51. Hasserted in his statement of issues that he made a special or stellar contribution to the wealth creation which would justify a departure from a 50:50 division of the assets in his favour. However, save for explaining the difficulties of doing business in Russia and the legal problems he encountered with Gazprom in holding onto his Northgas shares, H did not to explain in his statements precisely why he could be said to have made a 'stellar' contribution. It is not clear, therefore, whether this line of argument would have been pursued by H at the trial. However, ex abundantae cautelae, I summarise the basic facts of his business dealings as set out in his witness statement.
- 52. In 1993, H acquired a 5% shareholding in a Russian company called ZAO Northgas ("Northgas") which had been granted an exploration licence from Gazprom (the Russian state-owned oil and gas monopoly) to search for natural gas in Urengoi, Western Siberia. The other shareholders were Urengoigazprom (a Gazprom subsidiary) and Bechtel (an America company). Geological reports were prepared but, before

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production infrastructure could be built, in 1998 the Russian economy collapsed. Gazprom had no money and Bechtel withdrew. It, however, continued with the project, took up a rights issue and worked hard to make Northgas a success. Production began in 2001 and Northgas developed into a valuable producer of natural gas. It encountered litigation problems with Gazprom. In June 2005, It transferred 51% of the shares in Northgas to Gazprom. However, disputes with Gazprom continued. In late 2012, Gazprom permitted It to sell his shares in Northgas to a company called Novatek. The price realised was US\$1.375 billion.

- 53. In my judgment, whilst H clearly worked very hard to create wealth out of Northgas and was resourceful, H's evidence falls far short of the exceptionality (or 'genius') test clucidated in authorities such as Sorrell, Cooper Hohn and Gray v Work (see above).
- 54. The following further points are pertinent. First, H's contribution was not 'unmatched' (to use Holman I's words in Gray v. Work); at the same time as H was away travelling and building up Northgas in Russia, W was 'keeping the home fires burning' at St. George's Hill, running the home and caring for the boys, as well as H's daughter in earlier years, on her own in what was then a foreign country to her. Second, this was a case of the realisation of Northgas's value built up during the previous 20 years when the marriage subsisted, not merely of fresh accrual. H at one stage sought to argue that Northgas's share were 'worthless' in 2004 because he could not sell them. This was clearly not the case because he sold 51% to Gazprom in 2005. In any event, the point is academic because it is a fact that H sold his remaining shares in Northgas to Novatek in 2012 for US\$1.375 when the marriage was subsisting. Third, W is now only seeking 41% of the assets instead of a 50:50 split, which gives some margin of appreciation (see further below).
- 55. For these reasons, I reject any case made by H that he made a special or 'stellar' contribution to the marital assets such as to justify a departure from the equality principle.
- 56. In my judgment, the present case is a paradigm example of what Lord Nicholls was talking about in <u>White</u> when he said at [989]:

"If, in their different spheres, each contributed equally to the family, then in principle it matters not which of them earned the money and built up the assets"

#### Summary of findings on 'departure points'

57. For the above reasons, I find that H has failed to prove any valid reasons or 'departure points' which would justify the matrimonial property being divided other than equally 50:50. In particular, I find the following. First, that the marriage endured from 1993 until 2013 as W contends (and was not 'over' in 1999 or in 2004 as H's contends). Second, that there is no need to consider H's case on post-separation accrual because the wealth was generated during, and not after, the subsisting marriage. Third, that all the (considerable) wealth that was generated during the marriage is matrimonial property.

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## COMPUTATION OF THE MARITAL ASSETS:

#### (4) WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE AVAILABLE ASSETS?

- 58. For convenience, before dealing with the trust issues, I shall deal with the question of the value of the assets (assuming for the moment that they form part of the marital assets available for distribution).
- 59. Valuation of the assets is a relatively is straightforward task in this case. This is because W's evidence is relatively clear and there is a lack of any countervailing evidence from H to gainsay the values that W puts forward.
- 60. The total value of the assets put forward in the Schedule of Assets is £1,092,334,626. The valuation figures for the particular items in the Schedule are taken variously from property valuations (in cases where they have been obtained), agreed property values, bank balances and portfolio values. The figures relating to H and Cotor are not entirely up-to-date because no up-to-date figures or valuations have been provided by H, in breach of the disclosure order made by Moor J at the PTR on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016. H cannot be heard to complain about W not using the most up-to-date figures, in view of his failure to comply with Moor J's order.
- 61. There are no problems of liquidity: the assets are cash, or can easily be converted into
- 62. I am satisfied, and find, that the value of each of the available assets is as listed in the Schedule of Assets, i.e. totalling £1,092,334,626 (subject to the trust issues below).

#### (5) WHAT ARE THE TRUST ISSUES?

H's case

63. H's case is that his wealth from the sale of his Northgas shares is held in the Akhmedov 2013 Discretionary Trust, which is a Bermudian trust ("the Trust"), H's case is that within the Trust structure are Panamanian, Cypriot and Isle of Man companies which each hold assets in the form of (i) a majority share in a Moscow property, (li) the yacht M/Y Luna, (iii) a plane, (iv) a helicopter, (v) a modern art collection and (vi) large cash funds and investments administered by UBS in Zurich. An organogram showing the structure of the Trust, as H asserts it to be, is also annexed to this judgment.

H's case

- 64. W's answer is four-fold:
  - (1) First, Cotor is H's nominee and holds all its assets for H absolutely;

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- (2) Second, Cotor's shares are not 'in' the Trust; there is no evidence that its hearer shares are held by the trast. But at the time that the trust was settled, Cotor had been in existence for 2 years and was not mentioned in the trust. And then in March 2015, when the other companies were included in the Trust, Cotor was not included. H was asked to show all deeds relating to Cotor but none produced showing transfer from Cotor to Woodblade. W's solicitors PHB wrote to Sears Tooth dated 14th November 2016 and asked for independent documentary evidence which confirms that Cotor is within the trust structure and said that absent such evidence "we will be asking the Court to draw the inference that the Cotor is your client's nominee".
- (3) Third, the disposition of the companies which own the yacht, plane, helicopter and real property in March 2015 to the trustee should all be set aside or reversed under s.37 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 and/or s.423-5 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- (4) Fourth, in any event, whatever their corporate organisation, the so called Trust assets are all resources available to H whenever he pleases.
- 65. It is convenient to deal with the fourth Trust issue (4) first.

## Trust issue (4) - Trust assets are H's "resources"

- 66. I turn to W's fourth trust point, namely that whatever the corporate organisation of the so-called 'Trust' assets they are "resources" which may be aggregated as part of the court's computation exercise.
- 67. H purchased the yacht, plane and helicopter in 2014 in his name. H purchased the 115m superyacht M/Y Luna (formerly owned by Mr Abramovich) on 20th February 2014 for €260m (it underwent a €42m refit in 2016). He purchased a Bombardier Global 6000 private jet on 31st March 2014 for \$52.6m. H purchased an Airbus EC 155 helicopter on 31st October 2015 for €10m. H then assigned his interest in these assets to three separate offshore companies. H assigned M/Y Luna to Tiffany Limited which then sold it to Avenger Assets Corporation (a Panamanian company). H assigned the Bombadier aircraft to Carolina Ltd (a Manx company). H assigned the Airbus EC helicopter to Lucy Ltd (a Manx company).
- 68. It is clear that the funds for these purchases had been transferred to H's UBS private client account (CH35 0024 0240 6057 8070 R) by Cotor. H's bank statements record, for instance, a payment on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 of €260m to Avenger Assets Corporation, i.e. the purchase price of M/Y Luna.

## Disposition to the Trust on 17th March 2015

69. By a Deed of Trust dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (i.e. four days before he signed his witness statement dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015), H purported to assign the entire issued share capital in these three offshore holding companies (Avenger Assets Corporation of Panama, Carolina Ltd and Ency Ltd) together with a Moscow property to the Trust. It is to be

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inferred that H did so because he owned these companies, I return to questions raised by this disposition (which W seeks to reverse) further below.

#### Woodblade Trust Deed 2013

- 70. Woodblade is a trustee company registered in Cyprus. The Woodblade Trust Deed dated 2nd October 2013 is a remarkable document. H Is the Settlor, Principal Beneficiary and Protector. H is also the only director of Woodblade. If alone has the power to 'hire and fire' the Protector and the Trustees. Woodblade does not provide trustee services to any other trust. All the checks and balances that one would normally expect in a trust of this sort have been removed, so far as all discretionary beneficiaries are concerned. Clause 1 appoints H as "the Settlor" as the Principal Beneficiary. Clause 2 gives the Trustees absolute discretion to pay out to the Principal Beneficiary "...to the exclusion of... the Discretionary Beneficiaries". Clause 12 excludes the 'self-dealing' rule. Clause 14 gives blanket protection to the Trustees. Clause 15 appoints H "the Protector", who is, in effect, omnipotent. Clause 16 of the trust deed states that the trustee's discretion "...shall only be exercisable by them with the prior or simultaneous written consent of the Protector".
- 71. The Trust operates without any formalities. H has stated in his answers to Questionnaire that "the Trust does not produce accounts" and when asked for a copy of a 'letter of wishes' and correspondence between himself (in his roles as Settlor, Protector and Principal Beneficiary) and the Trustees, the Respondent replied "none".
- 72. Thus, the way in which the Trust is intended to operate is remarkable in its simplicity: i.e. by H, qua Principal Beneficiary, asking himself, qua sole director of Woodblade, for a distribution and then H, qua Protector, asking himself whether or not such a distribution should be met. The Trustees can ignore the needs of the other beneficiaries and benefit H by transferring the whole or any part of the capital to him. The Trustees (in essence H) owe no duty of care and are free from the self-dealing rule; he can pay money to himself whenever he wishes. The Trust document is not a sham in the sense of pretending to be something that it is not. It is a remarkably candid and pellucid document which makes no pretence to be anything other than what it is, namely what is colloquially called a 'Dear me' trust for H for his lifetime.
- 73. If has made no secret of the fact that he has free and unrestricted access to the Trust funds. In his Form E H stated that "...all of my income needs are met from payments from the trust". He put his current income needs at \$25m per annum, and future needs at £16.18m. He also stated that "...any [capital needs] are met from the trust". He has disclosed a schedule showing distributions to him in excess of US\$1.10m between 30th June 2014 and 17th February 2016 (see below). It is to be inferred that, if H did not have the funds in his personal bank accounts, any lump sum award in favour of W in these proceedings, would and could be paid from the Trust, just in the same way as Cotor advanced the large sums to H in 2014 to buy the yacht, plane and helicopter.
- 74. The legal question as regards the Trust is as follows; If a discretionary beneficiary were to request the Trustee of the Woodblade Trust to advance the whole or part of the capital to him, would the Trustee be likely to do so now or in the foresceable future? (c.f. Charman v Charman (supra). I am satisfied that the answer on the evidence in this case is 'yes' and any funds held in the Trust can be considered to be "financial"

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resources" to H. Accordingly, I find that the so-called Trust assets are "financial resources" under s.25(2)(a) of the Act available to H from which H can pay W's financial award in these proceedings.

#### Trust issues (1) and (2) - Cotor

- 75. I turn to W's points (1) and (2) regarding Cotor. Cotor is a Panamanian company formed in September 2011. A recent company search shows its share capital to be 100 hearer shares and that H is Cotor's 'President Ad Hoc' at shareholders' meetings,
- 76. W contends that Cotor is H's nominee or alter ego and that any assets held by Cotor are held for H. In this regard, and to aid enforcement, W is also seeking:
  - a declaration that Cotor is H's nominee, and the assets (the UBS portfolio and the Modern Art Collection) held in the name of Cotor belong to H;
  - (2) an order that Cotor and H are jointly and severally liable to pay the lump sum of £350m; and
  - (3) an order that Cotor transfers the Modern Art Collection in its name to W, and the court declares that W is the legal and beneficial owner of the Modern Art Collection.

#### Analysis

77. The following points are pertinent. First, H admits personally receiving \$1.375 billion in November 2012 for his Northgas shares. These monies were somehow transferred into the name of Cotor. There is no evidence, however, that H received any consideration for transferring those monies to Cotor. Moreover, Cotor has not produced any accounts or documents to explain the basis on which it came to hold these valuable assets. It is trite law that where money is given gratuitously by A to B, absent presumption of advancement (e.g. parent to child), the inference is of resulting trust, i.e. that the legal owner of the asset holds it absolutely for the transferor. There is, therefore, a presumption of resulting trust which it falls upon to H to rebut. H's failure to plead a defence to this case, or to present himself to give evidence, means that the presumption remains unrebutted. The words of Lord Sumption in <u>Prest</u> at [49] are apposite in the present case:

"Since no explanation has been forthcoming for the gratuitous transfer of these properties to [Cotor], there is nothing to rebut the ordinary presumption of equity that [Cotor] was not intended to acquire a beneficial interest in them."

78. Second, the manner in which Cotor has funded H's numerous purchases and lifestyle is redolent of Cotor merely been an open cheque book for H. By H's own admission, Cotor (i) paid for the outgoings on Somerton House and Villa le Cottage, (ii) purchased the yacht, plane and helicopter, and (iii) transferred tens of millions of dollars direct to H (during the period 30th June 2014 to 24th March 2016, H received distributions from Cotor of US\$97 million, £6,8 million, £6,4 and CHF 27k).

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- 79. Third, H has stated that assets in Cotor's name are within the Trust structure. However, there is no independent, documentary or contemporaneous evidence to support his assertion. Cotor was registered on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The Trust was formed on 2<sup>rd</sup> October 2013. Cotor had, therefore, already existed for two years before the Trust was set up, but there is no evidence that Cotor and/or its assets were subsequently settled in the Trust. Further, there is no evidence to show that any payments by Cotor to H or on his behalf were approved by Woodblade or the Trustee. No trustee or directors' resolutions of any description have been disclosed.
- 80. Fourth, as presaged above, on 17th March 2015, H assigned the entire issued share capital in Avenger Assets Corp, Carolina Ltd and Lucy Ltd to the Trust. However, Cotor was not included in this assignment.
- 81. Fifth, H's treatment of Cotor mirrors his treatment of Cotor Investment Ltd, a BVI company which existed before the sale of the Northgas shares and the formation of the Woodblade Trust in 2013. In his answers to the Questionnaire, when describing his wealth in 2004, H said he had cash and securities at UBS of \$78m. However, the UBS account which H was referring to as "his" account was, in fact, an account in the name of Cotor Investment Ltd. There is no evidence that Cotor Investment Ltd ever traded or generated any wealth of its own. It is to be inferred that that, H considered Cotor Investment Ltd to be a mere personal depository for his cash and securities. The same inference can be drawn in respect of Cotor, which H used as his 'piggy-bank'.
- 82. Sixth, it is perhaps telling that in a signed written statement dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015, H spoke of the Trust as being "beneficially interested in" art, each and securities, i.e. thereby suggesting that Cotor was a mere nominee (albeit for the Trust, not H).
- 83. Seventh, on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016, W's solicitors, PHB wrote to H's then solicitors, Sears Tooth, asking them to provide independent documentary evidence which confirms that Cotor is within the Trust structure, and to explain, with documentary evidence, who has held the legal and beneficial interest in Cotor's shares from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 to date. The letter concluded: "If your client does not provide this documentation we will be asking the court to draw the inference that Cotor is your client's nominee". No reply has been received. In view of this silence, a reasonable adverse inference can be drawn against this "uncommunicative husband" (per Lord Sumption in Prest, supra, at [45]).
- For the above reasons, I find that Cotor is H's nominee and that Cotor holds all its assets absolutely for H on a 'bare' trust,

Bare trust

 The Law Commission Report on Trusts of Land (No. 181) (1989) defined a bare trust as follows (in paragraph 3.27):

"A bare trust exists where the entire beneficial interest is vested in one person and the legal estate in another. The trustee in such a case has no duties other than to obey the beneficial owner, who is, to all intent, the real owner."

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(see also Lewin on Trusts, Chapter 1-028)

86. The terms 'bare trustee' and 'nominee' are often used interchangeably. In essence, a bare trustee and a nominee are 'nominal' title holders, holding an asset for another person who is the true beneficial owner for all purposes. A bare trustee is a trustee who is a mere repository of the trust property with no active duties to perform, and with no responsibilities in relation to trust property other than to preserve the property for the beneficiary (and the transferor of the assets). The bare trustee's duties are purely passive, and 'bare' or naked of active duties decreed by the settlor. In <u>IRC v.Silverts Ltd</u> [1951] Ch D 521 at p 530 the Court of Appeal described a bare trustee of shares in a company as being "a mere name or 'dunnny' for the true owner".

## Prest v Petrodel Resources [2013]

87. In my view, the present case is on all fours with <u>Prest v Petrodel Resources</u> [2013] UKSC 34 and [2012] BWCA Civ 1395. In the Court of Appeal in <u>Prest</u> Rimer LJ (with whom Patten LJ agreed) stated:

"[136] ... If property held by a husband has been put into the name of someone who, on the evidence, is obviously a bare trustee for him, there will be no problem in holding that the beneficial ownership has not changed. As explained in the first sentence of the last quoted paragraph, the court will also not be bamboozled by the use by husbands to a like end of "shams, artificial devices and similar contrivances".

88. The Supreme Court in <u>Prest</u> confirmed the tenacity of the rule in <u>Salomon</u>'s case in family cases, i.e. that a company is a legal entity distinct from its shareholders, and its assets are its own, and not those of its shareholders, even where company is owned and controlled by one person. The Supreme Court re-iterated that the circumstances in which the corporate veil could be lifted were very limited, and no special exception should be made for financial remedy proceedings, even in circumstances where the husband had misapptied the assets of his company for his own benefit. However, their Lordships held that the restriction on 'plercing the corporate veil' does not apply to circumstances in which the company is a 'bare trustee' holding assets in its name for the husband. The Supreme Court took the classic 'resulting trust' route and ordered the companies to transfer properties registered in their names directly to the wife.

#### Summary

- 89. As stated above, Cotor has not appeared in this case, nor filed any evidence from a director or officer, not disputed W's assertion in her Case that Cotor is H's nominee. Nor has H himself challenged that assertion.
- 90. Against this background, in my judgment, in the light of H and Cotor's non-disclosure and non-cooperation in these proceedings, the Court is entitled to draw similar inforences as the Supreme Court did in <u>Prest</u>. As Lord Sumption articulated:

"[41] The judge's finding about the ownership and control of the companies mean that the companies' refusal to co-operate with these proceedings is a course ultimately adopted on the direction of the husband. It is a fair

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inference from all these facts, taken cumulatively, that the main, if not the only, reason for the companies' failure to co-operate is to protect the London properties. That in turn suggests that proper disclosure of the facts would reveal them to have been held beneficially by the husband, as the wife has alleged".

91. The form of order sought by W in this case, whereby Cotor (qua nominee/bare trustee for H), shall pay the lump sum to W and transfer the Art Collection is in line with order made in <u>Prest</u> where the companies were found to hold the properties on trust for the uncommunicative husband, and they (qua nominee/ bare trustee) were ordered to transfer the properties to the wife. I shall so order.

## Trust issue (3) . W's application to set aside the March 2015 disposition

- 92. W seeks an order setting aside the Deed of Trust dated 17th March 2015.
- 93. The timing is telling. The Deed of Trust dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 was executed four days before H signed his first witness statement in the present proceedings. By the Deed of Trust, H purported to assign to the Trust the entire 100% issued share capital in the three offshore holding companies (i.e. Avenger Assets Corporation of Pananna, Carolina Ltd and Lucy Ltd) relating to the yacht, plane and helicopter. In addition, H also assigned to Woodblade his 60% shareholding in a Cyptiot company, Sunningdale Limited, which held in a Moscow property, 9 Solyanka Street, Moscow. (I shall refer collectively to these as "the March 2015 Companies").
- 94. On the same day, 17th March 2015, H executed a document described as "Declaration of Trust" by which he purportedly assigned to Woodblade Ltd as Trustee of the Trust his right, title and interest of whatsoever nature in all the March 2015 Companies. H also declared himself to be Trustee of the March 2015 Companies in favour of the Trust Woodblade Ltd and undertook to deal with the March 2015 Companies only as directed by Woodblade Ltd (a company of which, of course, he was sole director). In my view, it is clear that H was attempting to hide the March 2015 Companies in an offshore trust because he was faced with W's imminent claims in these proceedings. (I shall refer to this as "the March 2015 Disposition").
- 95. On 21st March 2015, only four days after effecting the March 2015 Disposition, H signed a witness statement in support of his application for a stay of these (English) proceedings in favour of Russia on the grounds of forum non conveniens. In his witness statement, H asserted that he was merely "... one of a number of discretionary beneficiaries of an offshore trust which is beneficially interested in the ... assets fof the March 2015 Companies]...". It is clear that this was a transparent attempt to put the assets of the March 2015 Companies out of his (legal) reach and to inhibit W's ability to claim or include those assets as part of the marital asset reckoning or, at least, to make enforcement of W's claims more difficult.

## Section 37 MCA 1973

96. The March 2015 Disposition falls to be considered under s.37 MCA 1973. Section 37 gives rise to a legal presumption in relation to such dispositions made within the past

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three years. In AC vDC (No.1) [2013] 2 FLR 1483, Mostyn J usefully summarised the operation of s.37:

"[9] For W's application to succeed the following has to be demonstrated:
(i) That the execution of the [disposition] was done by H with the intention of defeating her claim for financial relief. This is presumed against H, and he has to show that he did not bear that intention... The motive does not have to be the dominant motive in the transaction; if it is a subsidiary (but material) motive then that will suffice....

(ii) That the execution of the [disposition] had the consequence of defeating her claim. This means preventing relief being granted, or reducing the unount of any such relief, or frustrating or impeding the enforcement of any order awarding such relief...

(iii) That the court should exercise its discretion to set aside the [disposition]. (iv) However, ... there is an exception to the general rule that all dispositions are liable to be set aside. The disposition in favour of [the recipient] will not be set aside if it can be shown at the time it was made that,

a) it was done for valuable consideration; and

b) [the recipient] acted in relation to it in good faith; and

c) [the reciplent] was without notice of any intention on the part of H to defeat W's claim for financial relief.

[10] The knowledge of [the recipient] referred to in para [9](iv)(c) above is not confined to actual knowledge but extends to constructive knowledge... [11] Although there is a formal legal burden on W to demonstrate the negative of the matters referred to in para [9](iv) above, I take the view that for obvious reasons (having to prove a negative; lack of knowledge) there is an evidential burden shifted to LP to establish this exception. If he does not establish all three limbs of the exception then the defence will not arise."

97. Section 37 can operate to impugn transfers to offshore trusts (as it was in <u>AC v DC (No I</u>, a case which involved the transfer of assets to a Manx EBT). The effect of a s.37 order is that the court declares the disposition "void ab initio" (see <u>AC v DC</u> (No I) at [22]).

## Application of s.37

- 98. By reason of s.37, it is to be presumed against H that the intention of the March 2015 Disposition was to defeat or impede W's claim. It is for H to show that the March 2015 Disposition did not bear that intention.
- 99. H has, however, produced no such evidence to this effect. The assertion in his witness statement that he is only "one of a number of discretionary beneficiaries" is no more than that, i.e. an assertion. The presumption is, therefore, again unrebutted.

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- 100. The March 2015 disposition would appear to be part of a wider pattern of conduct by H designed to put his assets out of the reach of W, viz. in particular the very substantial cash distributions from Cotor between June 2014 and March 2016 (see above).
- 101. In my view, this is a paradigm case for the application of section 37 MCA 1973. I shall order the setting aside of the March 2015 Disposition and make the appropriate declaration.

## Section 423 Insolvency Act 1986

- 102. Section 37 has a sister provision under the general law, namely s.423 Insolvency Act 1986 ("IA 1986") (which also has extra-territorial effect). Since the March 2015 Disposition falls squarely within the purview of s. 37 MCA 1973, there is strictly speaking no need to rely on s. 423 IA 1986. However, it may aid enforcement if an order is also made under s. 423 Insolvency Act 1986, a provision not limited to matrimonial claims.
- 103. Section 423 of the Insolvency Act 1986 provides:

"423 Transactions defrauding creditors.

- (1) This section relates to transactions entered into at an undervalue; and a person enters into such a transaction with another person if—
- (a) he makes a gift to the other person or he otherwise enters into a transaction with the other on terms that provide for him to receive no consideration;
- (b) he enters into a transaction with the other in consideration of marriage [Flor the formation of a civil partnership]; or
- (c) he enters into a transaction with the other for a consideration the value of which, in money or money's worth, is significantly less than the value, in money or money's worth, of the consideration provided by himself.
- (2) Where a person has entered into such a transaction, the court may, if satisfied under the next subsection, make such order as it thinks fit for—
  (a) restoring the position to what it would have been if the transaction had not

been entered into, and

- (b) protecting the interests of persons who are victims of the transaction.
- (3) In the case of a person entering into such a transaction, an order shall only be made if the court is satisfied that it was entered into by him for the purpose—
- (a) of putting assets beyond the reach of a person who is making, or may at some time make, a claim against him, or
- (b) of otherwise prejudicing the interests of such a person in relation to the claim which he is making or may make.

(4) In this section "the court" means the High Court or-

- (a) if the person entering into the transaction is an individual, any other court which would have jurisdiction in relation to a bankruptcy petition relating to him:
- (b) if that person is a body capable of being wound up under Part IV or V of this Act, any other court having jurisdiction to wind it up.

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(5) In relation to a transaction at an undervalue, references here and below to a victim of the transaction are to a person who is, or is capable of being, prefudiced by it; and in the following two sections the person entering into the transaction is referred to as "the debtor"."

## Application of s.423 IA 1986

- 104. Section 423 IA 1986 enables a "victim" to apply for an order to restore the position to what it would have been if the offending transaction had not been entered into (s. 423(2)). A "victim" which means anyone prejudiced by the impugned transaction (s. 423(5)). The test is that the transaction must have been at an "undervalue" (s. 423(1)).
- 105. The March 2015 Disposition plainly was at an undervalue. H clearly entered into the transaction for the purpose of either: (a) putting assets beyond the reach of a person who is making, or may at some time make, a claim against him, and/or (b) otherwise prejudicing the interests of such a person in relation to the claim which is making or may make. Thus, for the same reasons given above in relation to s.37 MCA 1973, it is to be inferred that H intended by the March 2015 Disposition, at the very least, to "prejudice [W's]... interests in relation to the claim".
- 106. W formally asserted a s.423 claim against H in her Case in respect of the March 2015 Disposition. H's failure to answer that claim also enables an adverse inference to be drawn against him in relation to his intention behind the disposition.
- 107. The Court may make any it order it sees fit for restoring the status quo aute (including but not limited to those set out in s, 425 IA 1986). We seeks an order reversing the March 2015 Disposition and vesting the shares in the March 2015 Companies in H. I shall so order.

## DISTRIBUTION:

## (6) WHAT IS A FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF THE MARITAL ASSETS?

- 108. I turn, finally, to the question of fair distribution of the marital assets. The total wealth in this case is £1,092,334,626 (see the attached Schedule of Assets).
- 109. I find that this entire wealth is matrimonial in character, i.e. it was acquired and built up during the long marriage by H and W's equal contributions to the welfare of the family, and should be subject to the sharing principle (see above). There are no 'Departure Points' in this case (see above).
- 110. Accordingly, I can see no reason in principle why there should not be an equal 50:50 division of the total marital assets in this case, i.e. £1,092,334,626.

## W's claim

111. W originally made an open offer under FPR 2010 of a payment of a lump sum of £350 million in a letter dated 7th April 2016 (repeated in a letter dated 14th November 2016).

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This represented some 33% of the marital assets. In breach of the rules, H did not himself make an open offer. W's offer was made, no doubt, in the hope of avoiding a painful trial (in which, moreover, H was seeking to serve a statement from one of the children). W is not bound by her open offer. An unaccepted offer can be revoked.

- 112. In addition to a lump sum payment of £350 million (and the assets she currently holds of £10,165,162), W is now also seeking a further £93,060,990 comprising the following:
  - (1) The chattels situated at Somerton House valued at £2,479,125;
  - (2) The Aston Martin Virage Vantage Coupé motor car (registration mark W7 FTA) in Surrey valued at £350,000 (the sale proceeds of which is intended to provide a fighting fund to assist in the enforcement of the Order abroad).
  - (3) The modern art collection held by Cotor which has recently been valued (on a sale basis) at \$112m (MASSAN).
- 113. The total value of W's claim is now, therefore, £453,576,152. This comprises some 41.5% of the total marital assets. I find that this figure is justified in all the circumstances, I shall so order.

## ANCILLARY MATTERS:

- (7) SERVICE
- 114. It is necessary to consider the question of whether or not proceedings have been properly served on the Respondents.

Service of proceedings on H

- 115. I am satisfied that H has been properly served with the up-to-date proceedings in this matter, in particular, (i) Moor J's Order dated 25th October 2016 which ordered Woodblade and Cotor be joined as parties, (ii) W's Case re the Trust, and (iii) the trial bundles and authorities.
- 116. H was represented at the PTR before Moor J on 25th October 2016 J by Sears Tooth and Leading Counsel. H, therefore, had notice of all the terms of the Order that Moor J made on that date. The sealed PTR Order and W's Case re the Trust was served on Sears Tooth before they applied to come off the record on 9th November 2016. Sears Tooth did not received the sealed order removing them from the record until 16th November 2016. I am satisfied that H knew, or must be taken to have know, that Woodblade and Cotor had been joined as parties in these proceedings and that W was seeking declarations and orders in respect of Cotor.
- 117. PHB attempted to contact H directly after Sears Tooth came off the record, using an email address which the Court has previously approved for service, and one that W uses to communicate with H. The documents and authorities were sent to H on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 before the hearing commenced on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 with 2 judicial

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reading days. H failed to respond to any letters which were sent to him or make any acknowledgement of receipt of any communications or documents.

Service of proceedings on Woodblade and Cotor (and constructive notice)

- 118. I am satisfied that Woodblade and Cotor have themselves been properly served with the up-to-date proceedings in this matter, in particular, (i) Moor J's Order dated 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which ordered Woodblade and Cotor be joined as parties, (ii) W's Case re the Trust, and (iii) the trial bundles and authorities.
- 119. FPR 2010, r.6.14, provides that any document may be served out of the jurisdiction without the permission of the court (c.f. the CPR 1998).
- 120. I am also satisfied that, Woodblade and Cotor can be taken to have had actual or constructive notice of all orders, documents and proceedings that H has been served with, and notice of joinder and the relief that sought against them by W. This follows from H's role and relationship with Woodblade and Cotor and the fact that these companies are both controlled by H, and are his alter egos (see above).

#### Woodblade

121. I have read and accept the statement of Mr Ian Connell, a partner of PHB, regarding service. Mr Connell explains the steps that have been taken by PHB to serve Woodblade in Cyprus by fax, email and by post variously with the PTR Order, W's Case of the Trust and W's counsels' trial opening and authorities on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 3th November and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at its registered address in Cyprus (the address of its attorneys). No response was received from Woodblade.

#### Cotor

- 122. FPR 2010 r. 6.43 contains general provisions regarding service out of the jurisdiction:
  - "(3) Where the applicant wishes to serve an application form, or other document, on a respondent out of the United Kingdom, it may be served by any method—
    - (a) provided for by –
  - (i) rule 6.44 (service in accordance with the Service Regulation);
  - (ii) rule 6.45 (service through foreign governments, judicial authorities and British Consular authorities); or
  - (b) permitted by the law of the country in which it is to be served.
    (4) Nothing in paragraph (3) or in any court order authorises or requires any person to do anything which is contrary to the law of the country where the application form, or other document, is to be served."
- 123. Mr Connell has explained that he was unable to find an email address or a working fax number for Cotor's registered agents in Panama. He therefore sent separate letters by post to Cotor's registered agent in Panama (who changed on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016) 26<sup>th</sup> October, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 enclosing variously the PTR Order, W's Case of the Trust and W's counsels'

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trial opening and authorities. No response was received from Cotor.

- 124. Panama is not a signatory to the Hague Service Convention (i.e. the Convention on the service abroad of judicial and extra-judicial documents in civil or commercial matters signed at the Hague on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1965).
- 125. R.6.43(3) does not prescribe one particular method of service, by merely that "any method" of service is permitted by local laws. Mr Connell contacted Panamanian lawyers and sought their advice on the appropriate method of serving documents in respect of foreign proceedings on Panamanian registered parties. Their advice was that the Panamanian Judicial Code has no rules that apply to foreign proceedings, and that there is no rule under that Code that positively prevents service by post on a Panamanian company's resident agent of documents relating to the foreign proceedings. It can therefore be inferred that service by post of documents concerning foreign proceedings is permitted by, and not contrary to, the laws of Panama. Accordingly, PHB served Cotor by post.
- 126. For these reasons, I am satisfied that Cotor was also properly served by post with the relevant orders and documents (see above).

Order under FPR r.6.19

127. FPR r. 6.19 provides as follows:

"(1) Where it appears to the court that there is a good reason to authorise service by a method or at a place not otherwise permitted by this Part, the court may direct that service is effected by an alternative method or at an alternative place.

- (2) On an application under this rule, the court may direct that steps already taken to bring the application form to the attention of the respondent by an alternative method or at an alternative place is good service."
- 128. The provisions of FPR r. 6.19(2) are similar to CPR r.6.15(2), which have been held to apply extra-territorially. In Abela v Baadarani [2013] 1 WLR 2043, the Supreme Court held that CPR r.6.15(2) applied both to service on foreign parties extra-territorially as it did to service on parties domestically, because inter alia "such a power is to be implied generally into the rules governing service abroad" ([20]), provided the actual method of service is not contrary to the local law ([24]). In my view, the same reasoning can be said to apply to FPR r. 6.19(2).
- 129. The Court has discretionary power to make a direction that service on H's solicitors of orders and documents amounts to a good alternative method of service on Cotor in this case. I am satisfied that it is appropriate, in all the circumstances, to make such a direction in this case, given my findings that Cotor is no more than H's nomineo or bare trustee (see above). In my view, such a direction would serve the justice of this case.
- 130. Accordingly, I shall order and declare under IPR 6.19(2) that the steps already taken by W to bring these proceedings and the trial to the attention of Woodblade and Cotor by serving the relevant orders and documents on H through H's

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solicitors in London constitute a good alternative method of service on Cotor in this case.

131. The service on Cotor on 25th October 2016 and 8th November 2016 are valid dates for the purposes of paragraph 4.4 of the prescribed annex for enforcement under the Lugano Convention

#### (8) LUGANO CONVENTION

Enforcement under the Lugano Convention 2007

- 132. W naturally wishes to be able to enforce any order which this Court makes against the Respondents. The Court is astute to ensure that its orders have effect and are obeyed.
- 133. W particularly wishes to be able to enforce any order which this Court makes against Cotor in Switzerland under the Lugano Convention. The Lugano Convention is, however, only concerned with maintenance and not the 'property consequences' of divorce (<u>Traversa v Freddi</u> [2011] 2 FLR 272). Accordingly, it is necessary to separate out from the award of the lump sum order those elements that constitute "maintenance" and those that comprise of a share of the matrimonial assets. "Maintenance" is given a wide definition for the purpose of enforcement under the Convention (<u>Van den Roogaard v. Laumen</u> [1997] QB 759 ECI).

W's 'needs' and maintenance case

134. W's 'Needs Calculation' is set out in a schedule comprising the following figures:

<ul> <li>(1) The purchase of an English Property (Baton Square):</li> <li>(2) The purchase of a Foreign Property (Cap Ferrat):</li> <li>(3) A "Duxbury Fund" to meet W's capitalised future</li> </ul>	£ 39,268,750 £ 27,885,630
annual living needs (£5,359,354 per annum):	£157,101,608
(4) Outstanding Professional Costs:	£ 174,520
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	£224,430,508

- 135. W explained that she needs a house in London close to her sons and that H had previously tried to buy a suitable property in Eaton Square. W explained that she needs a villa in Cap Ferrat in the South of France close to Villa le Cottage so that she can see her sons during their vacations. W explained that her future income needs are £5,359,354 per annum comprising (a) her future income needs in England of £3,689,975 per annum and (a) her future income needs abroad of £1,671,379 per annum) which capitalised require a Duxbury Fund of £1,57,101,608. The total value of W's maintenance claim is, therefore, £224,430,508.
- 136. In the absence of any countervailing evidence, I find that these figures are justified on the evidence before me, given the lifestyle which to which she has become accustomed during her married life and leads. It is to be noted that H puts his current income needs at US\$25 million per annum (see above). Accordingly, for the purposes of enforcement

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under the Lugano Convention, I find that W's total "maintenance" claim requirements amount to £224,081,468.

## CONCLUSION AND ORDER

In conclusion, for the reasons set out in this judgment, I find and hold that the Claimant, Tatiana Akhmedova's claim for ancillary financial relief succeeds in the sum of £453,576,152, comprising 41.5% of the total marital assets.

- 137. W already holds assets of £10,165,162 in value, I am going to order the transfer to her of the centents of Somerton House (£2,479,125), the Aston Martin (£350,000) and the Modern Art Collection (estimated value £90,581,865). Accordingly, to meet the balance, I order Farkhad Akhmedov to pay to Tatiana Akhmedova the sum of £350,000,000 (three hundred and fifty million Pounds sterling) and, for the reasons given in this judgment, Cotor shall be jointly and severally liable to pay this sum.
- 138. I shall hear submissions from Counsel on the form of the Order.

Financial Remedy Order

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## IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FAMILY DIVISION

## THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT 1973

THE MARRIAGE OF TATIANA MUKHAILOVNA AKHMEDOVA AND FARKHAD TEIMUR OGLY AKHMEDOV

AFTER hearing Nigel Dyer QC, Dakis Hagen and Henry Clayton for the applicant. The Respondent, the Second Respondent and the Third Respondent were not represented, and none of the Respondents attended the final hearing although the court is satisfied that each of the Respondents had notice of the hearing and of the Applicant's claims.

AND upon the court reading the court bundle comprising of 5 lever arch files of statements and documentary evidence, and the documents submitted by the Applicant's counsel, and taking the oral evidence of the Applicant and Anthony David Korman on a witness summons.

ORDER MADE BY MR JUSTICE HADDON-CAVE ON 20 DECEMBER 2016 FOLLOWING THE FINAL HEARING HELD IN PRIVATE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES 28 - 30 NOVEMBER 2016, 2, 5, 15, 16 and 20 DECEMBER 2016.

IF YOU FARKHAD AKHMEDOY, AND/OR WOODBLADE LID, COTOR INVESTMENT SA, QUBO I ESTABLISHMENT, QUBO 2 ESTABLISHMENT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER YOU MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND IMPRISONLY OR FINED, OR YOUR ASSETS MAY BE SEIZED.

## THE PARTIES

- The Petitioner/Applicant is Tatiana Akhmedova, who is domiciled and resident in England.
- 2. The Respondent is Farkhad Alchmedov, who is domiciled and resident in Azerbaijan.
- 3. The Second Respondent is Woodblade Limited, a company registered in Cyprus, of which the Respondent is the only director.
- 4. The Third Respondent is Cotor Investment SA, a company registered in Panama.

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- 5. The Fourth Respondent is Qubo 1 Establishment, a Liechtenstein Anstalt which was registered on 21 October 2016 [under register number 0002.532,781-9] and its registered agent is Walpart Trust, Zollstrasse 2, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein.
- 6. The Fifth Respondent is Qubo 2 Establishment, a Liechtenstein Anstalt which was registered on 21 October 2016 [under register number 0002,532,775-5] and its registered agent is Walpart Trust, Zollstrasse 2, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein.

## DEFINITIONS

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- 7. "assets held in the name of the Third Respondent" includes (but is not limited to):
  - a. money and investments held in portfolio 240-139817-R001 at UBS Switzerland AG and/or UBS AG, Postfach, 8098 Zurich, or in any other portfolio in the name of the Third Respondent at UBS Switzerland AG and/or UBS AG, and in accounts at LGT Bank, in Herrengasse 12, FL-9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein.
- 8. "assets held in the name of the Fourth Respondent" and "assets held in the name of the Fifth Respondent" includes (but is not limited to):
  - a. the collection of modern art which is itemised in Annex 1 to this order, and which was transferred by the Third Respondent to the Fourth Respondent on a date in and around October or November 2016, and understood to be currently held at Stabiq Treasure House, Wirtschaftspark 27, 9492, Eschen, Licchtenstein;
  - b. money and investments held account(s) at LGT Bank, in Herrengasse 12, FL-9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein.
- "Somerton House" means the Applicant's home at Somerton House, St. George's Hill, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 ONR.

#### RECITALS

- 10. It is recorded by the court that:
  - a. Decree Nisi was made absolute on 15 December 2016.
  - b. The Respondent voluntarily submitted to the jurisdiction of England and Wales (by letter dated 18 June 2015 from his solicitors Sears Tooth) in these divorce proceedings and he participated in these proceedings until 11 November 2016 when Sears Tooth came off the court record as acting for the Respondent. Since then the Respondent has played no part in the

- proceedings and he is in contempt of court; he is in breach of various orders, including the order which directed that he must personally attend the duration of the trial commencing on 28 November 2016.
- c. The Second Respondent was joined as a party to the proceedings on 25 October 2016 and there was good service of the joinder order on 25 October 2016 and of the Applicant's case on 8 November 2016. The Second Respondent has failed to participate in these proceedings.
- d. The Third Respondent was joined as a party to the proceedings on 25 October 2016 and there was good service of the joinder order on 25 October 2016 and of the Applicant's case on 8 November 2016. The Third Respondent has failed to participate in these proceedings.
- e. The Fourth Respondent was joined as a party to these proceedings by this order. The Fourth Respondent had constructive notice of these proceedings and of the claims made by the Applicant.
- f. The Fifth Respondent was joined as a party to these proceedings by this order. The Fifth Respondent had constructive notice of these proceedings and of the claims made by the Applicant.

## DECLARATIONS

- 11. The court finds and DECLARES under the court's general civil and commercial jurisdiction, that:
  - a. The Third Respondent is the Respondent's nominee, and the assets held and previously held in the name of the Third Respondent belong to the Respondent.
  - b. The Fourth Respondent is the Respondent's nominee, and the assets held in the name of the Fourth Respondent belong to the Respondent.
  - c. The Fifth Respondent is the Respondent's nomince, and the assets held in the name of the Fourth Respondent belong to the Respondent.
  - d.£224,430,508 of the lump sum ordered in paragraph 13 below amounts to maintenance for the purposes of: (i) European Council Regulation (EC no 4/2009) on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations, (ii) European Council Regulation (EC no 1215/2012) on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters and (iii) the Convention on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters signed in Lugano on 30 October 2007, and the definition of maintenance as decided in Van den Boogaard v Laumen; ECJ 27 Feb 1997.
  - e. This order is final and enforceable under the Regulation and Convention set out in paragraph in d. above.
  - f. The purported Declaration of Trust dated 17 March 2015 (Annex 2 to this order) was a transaction (a) at an undervalue for the purposes of Insolvency Act 1986 s.423 and (b) made by the Respondent for the purpose of putting assets beyond the reach of a person who is making a

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- claim against him or otherwise for prejudicing the interests of that person in relation to the claim which she is making;
- g. The purported transfer of the collection of modern art which is itemised in Annex 1 to this order from the Third Respondent (Cotor Investment SA) to the Fourth Respondent (Qubo 1 Establishment) or the Fifth Respondent (Qubo 2 Establishment) was a transaction (a) at an undervalue for purposes of the Insolvency Act 1986 s. 423 and (b) made by the Respondent for the purpose of putting assets beyond the reach of a person who is making a claim against him or otherwise for prejudicing the interests of that person in relation to the claim which she is making.
- h. Any purported transfer of the money and investments held in portfolio 240-139817-R001 at UBS Switzerland AG and/or UBS AG, Postfach, 8098 Zurich, or in any other portfolio formerly in the name of the Third Respondent at UBS Switzerland AG to any other entity including the Fourth Respondent (Qubo 1 Establishment) and the Fifth Respondent (Qubo 2 Establishment) was a transaction (a) at an undervalue for the purposes of the Insolvency Act 1986 s. 423 and (b) made by the Respondent for the purpose of putting assets beyond the reach of a person who is making a claim against him or otherwise for prejudicing the interests of that person in relation to the claim which she is making.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:-

#### JOINDER OF QUBO 1 AND QUBO 2

12. Qubo 1 Establishment and Qubo 2 Establishment are joined as parties to these proceedings and known as the Fourth Respondent and Fifth Respondent respectively. Liberty to the Fourth Respondent and to the Fifth Respondent apply on 7 days' notice in writing to the applicant's solicitors (Payne Hicks Beach) to be disjoined.

## LUMP SUM

- 13. The Respondent (Furkhad Akhmedov), or his nominees the Third Respondent (Cotor Investment SA), the Fourth Respondent (Qubo 1 Establishment) and the Fifth Respondent (Qubo 2 Establishment), shall pay to the Applicant (Tatiana Akhmedova) a lump sum of £350,000,000 (350 million pounds sterling) by 4pm on Friday 6 January 2017. The Respondent, the Third Respondent, the Fourth Respondent and the Fifth Respondent are jointly and severally liable to pay this lump sum.
- 14. If this lump sum is not paid in full by the due date then interest shall run at Judgment Debt rate of 8% per annum.

### TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

- 15. The Respondent shall transfer forthwith to the Applicant all of his legal and beneficial interest in:
  - a. each of the chattels identified in Annex 3 to this order, and any other chattels situated at Somerton House;
  - the Aston Martin Virage Vantage Coupe motor car registration mark W7 FTA;

and it is DECLARED that with immediate effect the Applicant is the legal and beneficial owner of each of the chattels identified in Annex 3 to this order, and any other chattels situated at Somerton House, and the Aston Martin Virage Vantage Coupe motor car registration mark W7 FTA.

- 16. The Third Respondent and /or the Fourth and/or Fifth Respondent shall forthwith:
  - a. transfer the legal and beneficial ownership of each picture in the collection of modern art which is itemised in Annex 1 to this order to the Applicant,
  - b. exercise any rights under the custody agreement concluded with Stabiq Treasure House so that the above transfer can occur, and
  - c. deliver up each picture in the collection of modern art which is itemised in Annex 1 to this order to the order of the Applicant's attorneys, Gasser Partners, Wuhrstrasse 6, 9490 Vaduz, Fürstentum, Liechtenstein

and it is DECLARED that with immediate effect the Applicant is the legal and beneficial owner of each picture in the collection of modern art which is itemised in Annex 1.

### SET-ASIDE

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- 17. The Respondent's purported declaration of trust dated 17 March 2015 (Annex 2 to this order) is hereby set aside under Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 s.37 and under s. 423 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The Respondent's beneficial interest in the shares of Avenger Assets Corporation; Carolina Ltd; Lucy Ltd; Sedell Finance Ltd and Sunningdale Ltd as it was immediately prior to the declaration of trust dated 17 March 2015 (Annex 2 to this order) is vested in the Respondent absolutely
- 18. The purported transfer of the collection of modern art which is itemised in Annex 1 to this order from the Third Respondent (Cotor Investment SA) to the Fourth Respondent (Qubo 1 Establishment) and/or the Fifth Respondent (Qubo 2 Establishment) is hereby reversed under s. 423 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and an order made under s. 423(2) and s. 425(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that the collection be vested in the Applicant with immediate effect in the manner articulated in paragraph 16 above.

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19. Any purported transfer of the money and investments held in portfolio 240-139817-R001 at UBS Switzerland AG and/or UBS AG, Postfach, 8098 Zurieh, or in any other portfolio formerly in the name of the Third Respondent to any other entity including the Fourth Respondent (Qubo 1 Establishment) and/or the Fifth Respondent (Qubo 2 Establishment) is hereby reversed under s. 423 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and an order made under s. 423(2) and s. 425(2)(d) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that cash and securities up to the amount of £350 million be paid to the Applicant in accordance with paragraph 13 above.

#### ORDER FOR SALE OF PROPERTY

20. In the event that the Respondent or the Third Respondent or Fourth Respondent or Fifth Respondent fails to discharge the costs order provided for in paragraph 29 below in full by the due date, then the Respondent's 5 Holland & Holland sporting guns identified on Annex 4 to this order and in the possession of Richard Roberts of The Hollies, Old Avenue, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6A or Holland & Holland, 33 Bruton St, London W1J 6HH shall be sold by such method and in a timeframe that the Applicant's solicitors shall prescribe. The proceeds of sale, after deducting any sale costs, shall be paid to the Applicant's solicitors, Payne Hicks Beach, in part satisfaction of the costs order.

#### CLEAN BREAK: CAPITAL AND INCOME

21. Upon full and complete compliance with this order, the Applicant's claims and the Respondent's claims for periodical payments orders, secured periodical payments orders, lump sum orders, property adjustment orders, pension sharing orders and pension attachment orders shall be dismissed, and neither party shall be entitled to make any further application in relation to the marriage for an order under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, section 23(1)(a) or (b), or be entitled on the other's death to apply for an order under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975, section 2.

## USE OF DOCUMENTS

22. Permission to the Applicant to rely on any documents disclosed in these proceedings in any litigation for the purpose of the enforcement of this order, or any related action claiming the financial provision made in this order, in any jurisdiction world-wide.

## SERVICE OF THIS ORDER AND THE JUDGMENT HANDED DOWN ON 15 DECEMBER 2016

- 23. Upon the Applicant's solicitors undertaking to use their best endeavors to obtain relief from the court in Liechtenstein as soon as possible, the Applicant's solicitors shall serve this order and the judgment on 3 January 2017 upon:
  - a. all the Respondents: by email to fta@f-ta.net;

- the Second Respondent: by registered post to the registered address: Patrician Chambers, 332 Agiou Andreou Street 3035, PO Box 54543, Limassol, Cyprus; and by fax to 0035725344548; and by email to <u>info@paylaw.com</u>;
- c. the Third Respondent: by registered post to the address of the resident agent, Anzola Robles & Asociados, Credicorp Bank Plaza, 26<sup>th</sup> Ploor, Nicanor De Obarrio Avenue, 50<sup>th</sup> Street, PO Box 0832-2325, Panama City, Republic of Panama; and by fax to (507) 263-0006 / (507) 263-4194; and by email to info@anzolaw.net.
- d. the Fourth Respondent: by official service at the address of the registered agent, Walpart Trust, Zollstrasse 2, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein.
- e. The Fifth Respondent: by official service at the address of the registered agent, Walpart Trust, Zollstrasse 2, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein.

#### LIBERTY TO APPLY

- 24. Liberty to apply to Haddon-Cave J to extend the time for serving this order and the judgment as provided in paragraph 23 above.
- 25. Liberty to apply as to timing and implementation.
- 26. Liberty to restore for enforcement purposes the application under section 24(1)(c) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.
- 27. Liberty to bring any other applications for enforcement purposes under s, 37 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 and/or s. 423 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- 28. Liberty to apply to Mr Justice HADDON-CAVE for directions in respect of the publication, reporting and anonymisation of the judgment.

### COSTS

29. The Respondent, the Third Respondent, the Fourth Respondent and the Fifth Respondent shall pay the Applicant's costs of these proceedings on the indemnity basis, summarily assessed at £1,096,971 and to be paid by 4pm on Friday 6 January 2017. The Respondent, the Third Respondent, Fourth Respondent and Fifth Respondent are jointly and severally liable to pay these costs.

#### DATED 20 DECEMBER 2016

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# IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FAMILY DIVISION

BETWEEN:

CASE NO. FD13D05340

# TATIANA MIKHAILOVNA AKHMEDOVA

Applicant

- and -

## FARKHAD TEMUR OGLY AKHMEDOV

Respondent

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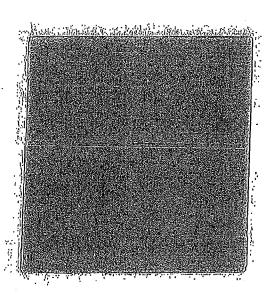
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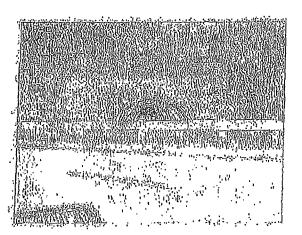


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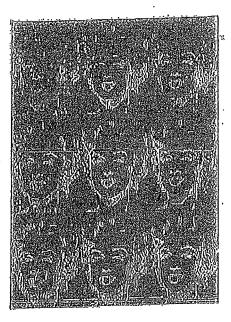
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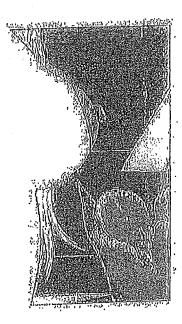
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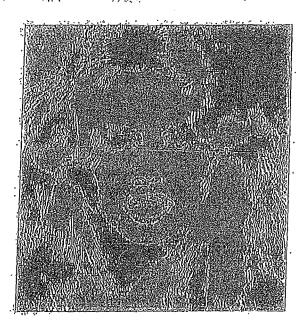
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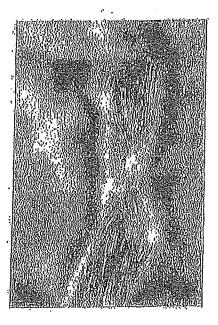
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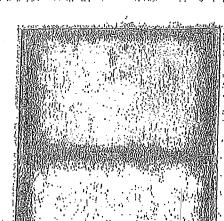
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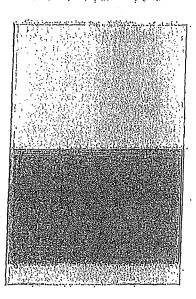
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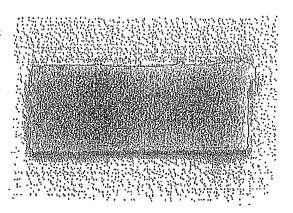
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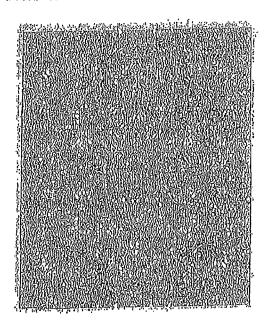
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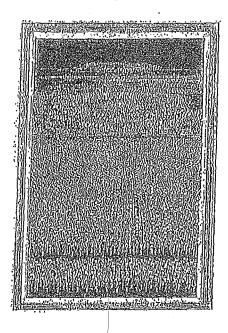
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2nd Respondent

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3rd Respondent

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4<sup>th</sup> Respondent

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5th Respondent

ANNEX 2 TO ORDER DATED 20 DECEMBER 2016

THIS DECLARATION OF TRUST is made the 17 day of Music- 2015

- (1) FARKHAD TEYMUR-OGLY AKHMEDOV of House 16, Pestovo Village, Mytishchlinskii rayon, Moskovskaya oblast, 141035 Russian Federation ("FTA") and
- (2) WOODBLADE LIMITED a company registered in the Republic of Cyprus under number HE 221906 whose registered address is 332 Agiou Andreou, Patriclan Chambers, 3035 Limassol, Republic of Cyprus (the "Trustee")

#### NOW THIS DEED WITNESSES as follows:

BETWEEN:

- FTA hereby assigns to the Trustee, as trustee of the Akhmedov 2013
  Discretionary Trust all his right title and interest of whatsoever nature in the
  assets set out in the Schedule to this Deed (the "Scheduled Assets").
- Periding completion of the transfers of the Scheduled Assets, FTA declares himself to be the trustee of the Scheduled Assets, and undertakes only to deal with the Scheduled Assets as directed by the Trustee.
- FTA further undertakes to execute such documentation as the Trustee may reasonably require in order to transfer legal title to the Scheduled Assets to the Trustee.

IN WITNESS of which this deed has been duly executed on the day and year first above written

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EXECUTED AS A DEED BY
FARKHAD TEYMUR-OGLY AKHMEDOV

In the presence of:

#### <u>scheduled assets</u>

All FTA's right title and interest in the entire issued share capital of the following entities:

Entity	Country of Incorporation
Avenger Assets Corp.	Republic of Panama
Carolina Limited	isle of Man
Lucy Limited	Isle of Man
Sedell Finance Limited	British Virgin Islands
Sunningdale Limited	Republic of Cyprus

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## ANNEX 3 TO ORDER DATED 20 DECEMBER 2016

- 1 Pair of George II mahogany open arm chairs circa 1750
- 2 George II mahogany oval wine cooler and stand circa 1750
- Pair of cut glass twelve light, two tier chandeliers, 20th century in mid 19th Century Perry style
- 4 Large Empire style faux bronze carved wood torches, first half 19th Century

5	Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian, b.1817 - d.1900)
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- Ivan Konstantinovich Alvazovsky (Russian, b.1817 d.1900) (Square with figures standing by a church)
- 7 Ivan Konstantinovich Alvazovsky (Russian b.1817 d.1900) (Shipping of a rocky coast in rough seas)
- 8 Pair of George III painted and gilt demi lune console tables
- 9 Kuba runner, the Caucasus, 3rd quarter 19th Century
- 10 Sergei Arsenevich Vinogradov (Russian b.1869 d.1938)
- 11 Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 d.1900)(Bullock carts near the coast at sunset)
- 12 Yuli Yulievich Klever the Younger (Russian, b. 1882 d.1942)
- 13 Pair George III mahogany library open arm chairs
- Aggregate value on Victorian mahogany full size billiards table, 6 light scroll frame full size biliards table pendant light frame, Wahogany circular revolving cues stand, Burroughs & Watts mahogany scoreboard, 89.5cms wide, Balls and accessories wall rack, cues rest, balls and accessories
- 15 Pavel Kuznetsov (Russian b.1878 d.1968)
- 16 Alexander Benois (Russian b.1870 d.1960)
- 17 Konstantin Krizhitzhki (1858 1911)
- 18 Russian early 19th Century fold over top card table
- 19 Empire style oval work table, early 19th Century
- 20 Mid 19th Century circular centre table
- 21 Russian Karelian birch circular centre table, early 19th Century
- Russian malachite and ormolu surtout de table in Empire Style, mid 19th Cenutry
- Pair of granite and ormolu mantel urns, 19th Century
- George III gilt carton pierre overmantel, circa 1775
- Pair of George III mahogany gilt open arm chairs, probably by Thomas Chippendale, circa 1770
- George III mahogancy library breakfront bookcase, third quarter 18th century
- 27 Twelve light two tire chandelier in early 19th Century Perry style
- Ormolu and malachite mantel clock signed Breguet, first half 19th Century
- 29 Iranian silk garden carpet, late 20th Century
- 30 Iranian part silk rug, late 20th Century
- 31 Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 d,1900) (Moonlit sea with a ship)
- 32 Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 d.1900)(Ships being driven offshore in a storm)
- 33 Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 d.1900) (Shipping in a clam with a rocky headland)
- 34 Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 d.1900) (Coastal view with a tower and camels drawing a cart)
- 35 Isaac llyitch Levitan (Russian, B.1860 d.1900) (A marsh with fishing boat and birds at dawn)
- 36 Set of 12 George III mahogany dining chairs after a design by John Linnell, with two open arm charls of a later date

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38	Pair of Goerge III mahogany demi lune console tables, circa 1780
39	Regency oak and pollard oak four pillar dining talbe by George Bullock
40	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
41	Pair of Empire bronze and ormolu seven light candelbra
	first half of 19th Century
42	Tabriz carpet, North West Persia, circa 1930
43	ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 - d.1900)
	(Moonlight coast landscape with figures on the shore)
44	Nicolas Gregorovitch Svertschkoff (Russian b.1817 - d. 1898)
	(The Tsar being drawn in a sleigh in snow)
45	Nicolas Gregorovitch Svertschkoff (Russian b.1817 - d. 1898)
	(A coachman driving a sleigh in snow)
46	Aggregate value on Pair of 6 light cut glass chandelier in 19th Century
07	style, pair matching triple wall sconces
47	Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 - d.1900) (Mountain top village
48	with a ruined tower)
	Isaac Ilyitch Levitan (Russian, B.1860 - d.1900) (Woodland clearing)
49	Part set of enamelled glass wares made for the Russian
50	imperial yacht 'Derzhava' Part suite of George III gilt seat furniture, late 18th Century
51	Pair of early 19th Century rosewood 'X' frame stools or window seats
52	Iranian Tabriz silk carpet, late 20th Century
.32	(field with 10 bands of formal foliate medallions)
53	Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 - d.1900) (Sappho)
54	Vassily Vasilievich Veretshchagin (Russian b.1842 - d.1904)
55	Konstantin Somov
56	Alexei Petrovich Bogoliubov (Russian b. 1824 - d.1896)
57	Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 - d.1900)
	(Study of a ship of the coast)
58	Ivan Konstantinovich Alvazovsky (Russian b.1817 - d.1900)
	(Moonlight landscape in the bay of Naples)
59	Piotr Ivanovich Balashov (Russian b.1835 - d.1888)
60	Sylvester Feodosievich Schedrin (Russian, b.1791 - d.1830)
61	G I Ranin (?)
62	Nicolas Gregorovitch Svertschkoff (Russian b.1817 - d.1898)
63	Russian school late 19th Century (Winter landscapes)
64	Alexandre Altmann (Russian b.1885 - d.1950)
65	Early George III mahogany bureau/bookcase, possibly Irish, circa 1765
66	Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 - d.1900)
C-7	(Figures in a boat)
67	N Planin (?)
68	Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 - d.1900) (Paddle steamer offshore)
69	Late 18th Century mahogany and ormolu cylinder hureau in the
0.7	manner of David Roentgen
70	Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky (Russian b.1817 - d.1900)
	(Winter landscape)
71.	Russian silver mounted oval centrepiece bowl

72	Russian silver mounted square glass dish
73	
	Russian silver punch bowl and ladle
74	Russian silver mounted slender oval dish stand
75	Set of 12 Russian silver plates
76	Russian silver mounted glass punch bowl
77	Russian silver oval bowl with swing handle

# IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FAMILY DIVISION

CASE NO. FD131005340

BETWEEN:

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TATIANA MIKHAILOVNA AKHMEDOVA

Applicant

- and -

FARKHAD TEMUR OGLY AKHMEDOV

Respondent

WOODBLADE LTD

2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent

COTOR INVESTMENT SA

3<sup>rd</sup> Respondent

QUBO 1 ESTABLISHMENT

4th Respondent

QUBO 2 ESTABLISHMENT

5<sup>th</sup> Respondent

## ANNEX 4 TO ORDER DATED 20 DECEMBER 2016

Gauge or calibre Maker's name		Type (e.g. over-and-under, side-by-side, etc) including identification number		
12 bore	HOLLAND &	Shot Gun	SIDE BY SIDE	40034
12 bore	HOLLAND & HOLLAND	Shot Gun	SIDE BY SIDE	40033
20 bore	HOLLAND & HOLLAND	Shot Gun	SIDE BY SIDE	41361
20 bore	HOLLAND &	Shot Gun	SIDE BY SIDE	41360
12 bore	HOLLAND &	Shot Gun	SIDE BY SIDE	41398

# IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FAMILY DIVISION

CASE NO. FID13ID05340

BETWEEN:

TATIANA MIKHAILOVNA AKHMEDOVA

Applicant

- and -

FARKHAD TEMUR OGLY AKHMEDOV

Respondent

WOODBLADE LTD

2nd Respondent

COTOR INVESTMENT SA

3<sup>rd</sup> Respondent

QUBO 1 ESTABLISHMENT

4th Respondent

QUBO 2 ESTABLISHMENT

5<sup>th</sup> Respondent

ANNEX 5 TO ORDER DATED 20 DECEMBER 2016

#### ANNEX V

Certificate on judgments and court settlements referred to in Articles 54 and 58 of the Convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters

- 1. State of origin: United Kingdom (England and Wales)
- 2. Court or competent authority issuing the certificate
- 2.1. Name: the High Court of Justice
- 2.2. Address: Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL
- 2.3. Tel./fax/e-mail; +4420 7947 6000

Adminstrativecourtoffice.generaloffice@hmcts.x.gsi.gov.uk

- 3. Court which delivered the judgment
- 3.1. Type of court: Family Court
- 3.2. Place of court: Royal Courts of Justice, London
- 4. Judgment
- 4.1. Date 15 December 2016
- 4.2. Reference number: FD13D05340
- 4.3. The parties to the judgment
- 4.3.1. Name of plaintiff (Applicant): Tatiana Mikhailovna Akhmedova
- 4.3.2. Name of defendant (Respondent): Farkhad Temur Ogly Akhmedov
- 4.3.3. Name(s) of other parties, if any:

Woodblade Limited (Cyprus) [Second Respondent]

Cotor investment SA (Panama) [Third Respondent]

Qubo 1 Establishment (Liechtenstein) [Fourth Respondent]

Qubo 2 Establishment (Liechtenstein) [Fifth Respondent]

4.4. Date of service of the document instituting the proceedings where judgment was given in default of appearance;

Served on Defendant/Respondent on 23 December 2013 (& he submitted to the jurisdiction on 18 June 2015)

Served on Second Respondent on 25 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

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Served on Third Respondent on 25 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

Served on the Fourth Respondent on 25 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

Served on the Flith Respondent on 25 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

4.5. Text of the judgment as annexed to this certificate

Attached

5. Names of parties to whom legal aid has been granted; not applicable

The judgment is enforceable in the State of origin (Article 38/58 of the Convention) against:

Name: Farkhad Temur Ogly Akhmedov

Woodblade Limited

Cotor Investment SA

Qubo 1 Establishment

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Qubo 2 Establishment

Done at Royal Courts of Justice, London, on 20 December 2016

Signature and/or stemp:

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Certificate on judgments and court settlements referred to in Articles 54 and 58 of the Convention on judsidiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters

- 1. State of origin; United Kingdom (England and Wates)
- 2. Court or competent authority issuing the certificate
- 2.1. Name: the High Court of Justice
- 2.2. Address: Family Division, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL
- 2.3. Tel./lax/e-mail: +4420 7947 7161
- rcl.familyhighcourt@hmcts.gal.gov.uk
- 3. Court which defivered the judgment
- 3.1. Type of court: Family Court
- 3.2. Place of court: Family Division, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL
- 4. Judgment and order
- 4.1. Date Judgments dated 15 December 2016 & 20 December 2016 (order dated 20 December 2016)
- 4,2, Reference number: FD13D05340
- 4.3. The parties to the judgment
- 4.3.1. Name of plainliff (Applicant): Tationa Mikhallovna Akhmedova
- 4.9.2, Name of defendant (Respondent); Farkhad Temur Ogly Akhmedov
- 4,9,3. Name(s) of other parties, if any:

Woodblade Limited (Cyprus) [Second Respondent]

Cotor Investment SA (Panama) [Third Respondent]

Gubo I Establishment (Liechtenstein) [Fourth Respondent]

Qubo 2 Establishment (Liechtenstein) [Fifth Respondent]

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Served on the Fourth Respondent on 25 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

Served on the Fifth Respondent on 25 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

4.5. Text of the judgment as annexed to this certificate

Atlached

5. Names of parties to whom legal ald has been granted; not applicable

The judgment is enforceable in the State of origin (Article 98/58 of the Convention) against:

Name: Forkhad Temur Ogly Akhmedov

Woodblade Limited

Cotor investment SA

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Qubo 2 Establishment

Done at Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on 20 December 2016 and amended on 3 January 2017

Signature and/or stamp;

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# IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FAMILY DIVISION

#### CASE NO. FD13D05340

BETWEEN:

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TATIANA MIKHAILOVNA AKHMEDOVA

Applicant

- and -

FARKHAD TEMUR OGLY AKHMEDOV

Respondent

WOODBLADE L'ID

2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent

COTOR INVESTMENT SA

3rd Respondent

QUBO 1 ESTABLISHMENT

4th Respondent

QUBO 2 ESTABLISHMENT

5th Respondent

ANNEX 6 TO ORDER DATED 20 DECEMBER 2016

EXTRACT FROM A DECISION/COURT SETTLEMENT IN MATTERS RELATING TO MAINTENANCE

OBLIGATIONS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR RECOGNITION AND A

DECLARATION OF

ENFORCEABILITY

(Article 28 and Article 75(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 of 18 December 2008 on jurisdiction,

applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance

obligations (1))

IMPORTANT

To be issued by the court of origin

To be issued only if the decision or court settlement is enforceable in the Member State of origin

Mention only information which is given in the decision or court settlement or of which the court of

origin has been made aware

## 1. Nature of the document

Decision

Date and reference number: 20 DECEMBER 2016

FD13D05340

- 2. Court of origin
- 2.1. Name: THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (FAMILY DIVISION).
- 2.2. Address: ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE, STRAND, LONDON WC2A 2LL
- 2.2.1. Street and number/PO box: STRAND
- 2.2.2. Place and postal code: LONDON WC2A 2LL
- 2.2.3. Member State: UNITED KINGDOM
- 2.3. Telephone/Fax/E-mail: +4420 7947 6000

ADMINSTRATIVECOURTOFFICE, GENERALOFFICE@HMCTS.X.GSI,GOV.UK

- 3. Claimant
- 3.1, Person A
- 3.1.1. Surname and given name(s): TA'IIANA MIKHAILOVNA AKHMEDOVA
- 3.1.2. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth: 26 JULY 1972 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
- (\*\*) If the decision/court settlement concerns more than three claimants or three defendants, attach an additional sheet.
- 3.1.3. Identity number or social security number:
- 3.1.4. Address:
- 3.1.4.1. Street and number/PO box: SOMERTON HOUSE, ST.GEORGE'S HILL
- 3.1.4.2. Place and postal code: WEYBRIDGE, SURREY KT13 ONR
- 3.1.4.3. Country: UNITED KINGDOM
- 3.1.5. Has benefited from
- 3.1.5.1. legal aid:

NO

3.1.5.2. exemption from costs and expenses:

NO

3.1.5.3. free proceedings before an administrative authority listed in Annex X of Regulation (EC) No 4/2009:

NO

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4. Defendant(s) (*) (**)
    4.1. Respondent
    4.1.1. Surname and given name(s): FARKHAD TEMUR OGLY AKHMEDOV
   4.1.2. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth: 15 SEPTEMBER 1955, AZERBAIJAN
   4.1.3. Identity number or social security number:.
   4.1.4. Address:
   4.1.4.1. Street and number/PO box: .... 17 MIRZA SHAFT STREET, OLD CITY
   4.1.4.2. Place and postal code: BAKU AZ1095
   4.1.4.3. Country: AZERBAIJAN
   (**) If the decision/court settlement concerns more than three claimants or three defendants,
   attach an additional sheet.
   4.1.5. Has benefited from
   4.1.5.1. legal aid:
   4.1.5.2. exemption from costs and expenses:
   4.1.5.3. free proceedings before an administrative authority listed in Annex X of Regulation
  (EC) No 4/2009:
  NO
  4.2. Second Respondent
  4.2.1. Surname and given name(s): WOODBLADE LIMITED
  4.2.2. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth: COMPANY REGISTERED IN CYPRUS. . . . .
  4.2.3. Identity number or social security number:.
  4.2.4. Address:
  4.2.4.1. Street and number/PO box: PATRICIAN CHAMBERS, 332 AGIOU ANDREOU
 STREET 3035
 4.2.4.2. Place and postal code: LIMASSOL PO BOX545443
 4.2.4.3. Country: CYPRUS
 4.2.5. Has benefited from
 4.2.5.1. legal aid: NO
 4.2.5.2. exemption from costs and expenses:
 4.2.5.3. free proceedings before an administrative authority listed in Annex X of Regulation
 (EC) No 4/2009:
NO
 4.3. Third Respondent
4.3.1. Surname and given name(s): COTOR INVESTMENT SA
4.3.2. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth: COMPANY REGISTERED IN PANAMA
4.3.3. Identity number or social security number:
4.3.4. Address:
4.3.4.1. Street and number/PO box: C/O ANZOLA HOBLES & ASODIADOS, CREDITCORP
BANK PLAZA, 26TH FLOOR, NICANOR DE OBARRIO AVENUE, 50TH STREET
4.3.4.2. Place and postal code: . . PO BOX 0832-2325, PANAMA CITY
4.3.4.3. Country: REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.
4.3.5. Has benefited from
4.3.5.1. legal aid:
NO
4.3.5.2. exemption from costs and expenses:
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Person for whom maintenance is owed:

TATIANA AKHMEDOVA

5.2.1.2. Amount to be paid in one sum Due date: 4PM ON 6 JANUARY 2017

Amount: £224,430,508

5.2.2.6. Interest (if specified in the decision/court settlement)

If the maintenance claim is subject to interest, please indicate the rate: 8% PER ANNUM

Interest due as from: 06/01/2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)

5.3. Costs and expenses

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The decision/court settlement provides that

FARKHAD AKHMEDOV, COTOR INVESTMENT SA, QUBO 1 ESTABLISHMENT

AND QUBO 2 ESTABLISHMENT must pay the sum of £1,096,971.....

to: TATIANA AKHMEDOVA

Done at: THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE, LONDON on 20/12/2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)

Signature and/or stamp of the court of origin:

# IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FAMILY DIVISION

## CASE NO. FD13D05340

BETWEEN:

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TATIANA MIKHAILOVNA AKHMEDOVA

Applicant

- and -

FARKHAD TEMUR OGLY AKHMEDOV

Respondent

WOODBLADE LID

2nd Respondent

COTOR INVESTMENT SA

3rd Respondent

QUBO 1 ESTABLISHMENT

4<sup>th</sup> Respondent

QUBO 2 ESTABLISHMENT

5th Respondent

ANNEX 7 TO ORDER DATED 20 DECEMBER 2016

# CERTIFICATE CONCERNING A JUDGMENT IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS

Article 53 of Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters

## 1. Court of origin

- 1.1. Name: THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (FAMILY DIVISION).
- 1.2. Address: ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE, STRAND, LONDON WC2A 2LL
- 1.2.1. Street and number/PO box: STRAND
- 1.2.2. Place and postal code: LONDON WC2A 2LL
- 1.2.3. Member State: UNITED KINGDOM
- 1.3. Telephone/Fax/E-mail: +4420 7947 6000

ADMINSTRATIVECOURTOFFICE.GENERALOFFICE@HMCTS.X.GSI,GOV.UK

#### 2. Claimant

- 2.1. Surname and given name(s): TATIANA MIKHAILOVNA AKHMEDOVA
- 2.2 Identification number (if applicable and available)
- 2.3 Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth: 26/07/1972 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

#### 2.4. Address:

- 2.4.1. Street and number/PO box: SOMERTON HOUSE, ST.GEORGE'S HILL
- 2.4.2. Place and postal code: WEYBRIDGE, SURREY KT13 ONR
- 2.4.3. Country: UNITED KINGDOM
- 2.5 Email (if available)

#### 3. Defendant(s)

### Respondent

- 3.1.1. Surname and given name(s): FARKHAD TEMUR OGLY AKHMEDOV
- 3.1.2 Identification number (if applicable and available)
- 3.1.3. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth: 15/09/1955, AZERBAIJAN
- 3.1.4. Address:
- 3.1.4.1. Street and number/PO box: .... 17 MIRZA SHAFI STREET, OLD CITY
- 3.1.4.2. Place and postal code: BAKU AZ1095
- 3.1.4.3, Country: AZERBAIJAN
- 3.1.5 Email (if available): fta@f-ta.net

#### Second Respondent

- 3.2.1. Surname and given name(s) / name of company or organisation: WOODBLADE LIMITED
- 3.2.2 Identification number (if applicable and available)
- 3.2.3. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth: COMPANY REGISTERED IN CYPRUS. . . . .
- 3.2.4. Address:
- 3.2.4.1. Street and number/PO box: PATRICIAN CHAMBERS, 332 AGIOU ANDREOU STREET 3035
- 3,2,4,2, Place and postal code: LIMASSOL PO BOX545443
- 3.2.4.3. Country: CYPRUS
- 3.2.5 Email (if available): fta@f-ta.net

#### Third Respondent

- 3.3.1. Surname and given name(s) / name of company or organisation: COTOR
- INVESTMENT SA
- 3.3.2 Identification number (if applicable and if available)
- 3.3.3. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth: COMPANY REGISTERED IN PANAMA
- 3.3.4. Address:
- 3.3.4.1. Street and number/PO box: C/O ANZOLA ROBLES & ASODIADOS, CREDITCORP
- BANK PLAZA, 26TH FLOOR, NICANOR DE OBARRIO AVENUE, 50TH STREET
- 3.3.4.2. Place and postal code: . . PO BOX 0832-2325, PANAMA CITY
- 3.3.4.3. Country: REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
- 3.3.5 Email (if available): fta@f-ta.net

#### Fourth Respondent

- 3.4.1. Surname and given name(s) / name of company or organisation: QUBO 1
- ESTABLISHMENT
- 3.4.2 Identification number (if applicable and if available): 0002.532.781-9
- 3.4.3. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth: LIECHTENSTEIN ANSTALT REGISTERED
- 21 OCTOBER 2016
- 3.4.4. Address:

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- 3.4.4.1. Street and number/PO box: WALPART TRUST, ZOLLSTRASSE 2
- 3.4.4.2. Place and postal code: 9490 VADUZ
- 3.4.4.3. Country: LIECHTENSTEIN
- 3.4.5 Email (if available): fta@f-ta.net

# Fifth Respondent

- 3.5.1. Surname and given name(s) / name of company or organisation: QUBO 2
- **ESTABLISHMENT**
- 3.5.2 Identification number (if applicable and if available): 0002.532.775-5
- 3.5.3. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth: LIECHTENSTEIN ANSTALT REGISTERED
- 21 OCTOBER 2016
- 3.5.4. Address:
- 3.5.4.1. Street and number/PO box: WALPART TRUST, ZOLLSTRASSE 2
- 3.5.4.2. Place and postal code: 9490 VADUZ
- 3.5.4.3. Country: LIECHTENSTEIN
- 3.5.5 Email (if available): fta@f-ta.net

#### 4. THE JUDGMEN'T

- 4.1 Date of the judgment: 15/12/2016 & 20/12/2016
- 4.2 Reference number of the judgment: FD13D05340 / [2016] BWHC 3234 (Fam)
- 4.3 The judgment was given in default of appearance:
- 4.3.2 YES please indicate the date on which the document instituting the proceedings was served on the defendant:

Served on Defendant/Respondent on 23 December 2013 (& he submitted to the jurisdiction on 18 June 2015 but did not attend the final hearing or provide financial disclosure — please see Judgments)

Served on Second Respondent on 25 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

Served on Third Respondent on 25 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

Served on the Fourth Respondent on 25 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

Served on the Fifth Respondent on 25 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

- 4.4 The Judgment is enforceable in the Member State of origin without any further conditions having to be met:
- 4.1.1 YES ON 20/12/2016
- 4.5 As at the date of issue of th certificate, the judgment has been served on the defendant(s):
- 4.5.2 Not to the knowledge of the court
- 4.6 Terms of Judgment and interest
- 4.6.1 Judgment on a monetary claim
- 4.6.1.1 Short description of the subject-matter of the case: FINANCIAL RELIEF ON DIVORCE
- 4.6.1.2 The court has ordered:

FARKHAD AKHMEDOV, COTOR INVESTMENT SA, QUBO 1 ESTABLISHMENT AND QUBO 2 ESTABLISHMENT to make payment to TATIANA AKHMEDOVA

- 4.6.1.2.1 If more than one person has been held liable for one and the same claim, the whole amount may be collected from any one of them:
- 4.6.1.2.1.1 YES
- 4.6.1.3 POUNDS STERLING (GBP)
- 4.6.1.4 Principal amount
- 4.6.1.4.1 Amount to be paid in one sum: £350,000,000 (of which £224,430,508 amounts to *maintenance*) by 4pm on 06/01/2017
- 4.6.1.5.1 Interest:

4.6.1.5.1.2	SPECIFIED IN THE JUDGMENT AS FOLLOWS: 8% PER ANNUM FROM 06/01/2017
4.7	Costs
4.7.1	POUNDS STERLING (GBP)
4.7.2	The following person(s) against whom enforcement is sought has/have been ordered to bear the costs:
4.7.2.1.	Surname and given name(s) / name of company or organisation: FARKHAD AKHMEDOV, COTOR INVESTMENT SA, QUBO 1 ESTABLISHMENT AND QUBO 2 ESTABLISHMENT
4.7.2.2	If more than one person has been ordered to bear the costs, the whole amount may be collected from any one of them:
4.7.2.2.1	Yes
4.7.3	The costs of which recovery is sought are as follows:
4.7.3.3	Liability for the costs has been determined in the judgment and the exact amounts are as follows: £1,096,971
4.7.3.3.1	Court fees: £850
4.7.3.3.2	Lawyers fees £1,096,121
4.7.4	Interest on costs
4.7.4.2.2	Rate: 8%
4.7.4.2.2.1	Interest due from 06/01/2017 UNTIL PAYMENT

Done at: THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE, LONDON on 20/12/2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)

Signature and/or stamp of the court of origin:

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